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**PRAY-GIVE-GO**



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# Field Council Time in Latin Lands

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

It has been a rare privilege for Brother Ivan Moomaw and me to attend the field councils in Argentina, Brazil, and Puerto Rico. I would like to share with our readers some of the blessings and challenges of those sessions, and to point out some of the progress that is being made.

The basic consideration in all the meetings was the board's statement on the Indigenous Church. We went over this word by word, placing our work alongside this to see just where we stand. It is amazing what such a statement does to point out what progress has been made, and what we need to do to move forward in our program of ultimately turning the work over entirely to the nationals. All three field councils approved the policy. And, in Argentina and Brazil it was translated into Spanish and Portuguese, and a meeting with the nationals was held to discuss it. These nationals now understand our plan, and stand unitedly with the missionaries in looking forward to its accomplishment.

In my opinion, the biggest decision made by either the Argentina Field Council or the one in Brazil was to set up a plan of joint committees, looking forward to the nationals ultimately assuming all responsibility for the work on the fields. The committees will be made up of missionaries,

appointed by their field councils, and Argentines and Brazilians, appointed by their national conferences. They will work together throughout the year as *one committee* to do the work at hand, and once each year they will report back to the body appointing them. Thus, annually the appointing bodies will hear reports on the different works from their own members of the joint committees. Representation on the committees will be in direct proportion to the amount of the load that missionaries and nationals are carrying. As the nationals assume more responsibility, financially and otherwise, they will have more representation on the joint committees, until the ultimate goal is reached when the nationals will carry the entire load with the missionaries serving only as counselors.

The Argentines have done a fine job in their camp program. They have bought and paid for acreage for a camp for their young people, and have built brick buildings on it. This is an accomplishment that offers a distinct challenge to every district in our Brethren work in the United States. What a joy and encouragement to hear the Argentine leaders say that they want to do the same in the building of church buildings, and residences for their pastors, as well as some mission buildings. One of the aims of the trip to Argentina

was to work out plans for a building program to be headed up by a missionary. But, how we rejoice that instead of tying our missionaries down to the task of building buildings, we witnessed the formation of a joint committee of ten Argentines and three missionaries, called the Consejo Obra Nacional—National Work Committee—for the purpose of building new buildings, establishing and administering loans for construction, and to work with churches soliciting their help. A similar committee of three missionaries and two nationals was set up for Brazil, except that it will not have a loan fund.

Other joint committees established are: Bible Institute, Radio, Literature, Christian Day School, and Youth. In Argentina the joint Bible Institute Committee will administer the central Bible Institute and work toward establishing a "branch" Bible Institute in the Buenos Aires area. There is no central Bible institute in Brazil, but firm plans were made for the joint committee on Bible institute to work toward the establishment of a "station Bible institute" on each mission station. It is felt that this will lead normally and naturally into a central Bible institute. Also, thought was given to ultimately beginning a Bible institute program in Puerto Rico. This idea is basic to the training of new workers for the fields. More and more stress must be placed on this training program!

The consideration of literature played an important part in the field councils, and joint committees were set up to carry on this very important ministry. The functions of the "joint" literature committee include recruiting and training editorial staffs, preparation, production, and distribution of gospel literature, the trans-

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## COVER PHOTO—FOREIGN MISSION ISSUE

The "Pray-Give-Go" banner, which has become so familiar in our Brethren churches, will continue to give forth its message through the year of 1963, should our Lord tarry: the challenge of untold millions who are yet untold.

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# HOW SHALL THEY HEAR?

By Mrs. Loree Sickel



*(Indeed it can be said that Mrs. Loree Sickel is a veteran missionary, for she and her husband, Clarence L. Sickel, first arrived in Argentina in November 1919. Their many fruitful years of service together were brought to a close by Dr. Sickel's home-going in December 1951. However, Mrs. Sickel has continued her missionary service, and now this month is scheduled to return again to Argentina following her furlough. She is to sail on a Japanese ship, the MS Brazil Maru, departing from Los Angeles harbor about January 13. Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Fay and family will be traveling on the same ship going to Argentina for their first term as Brethren missionaries. Surely we echo the sentiments of our whole Fellowship when we say to this party: "Bon Voyage! May the Lord bless you abundantly!")*

"More men are being born each year than born again!"

"At least half the world's population has never heard of Christ!"

"Ninety-three out of every one hundred are outside the sphere of the Protestant church and largely ignorant of Bible truth. Only about two in every one hundred are born again. The remainder walk the broad road that leads to eternal destruction."

There are at least four times more unsaved souls in Argentina today than when Brethren missionaries entered that needy field fifty years

ago. Over twenty million are outside the true Church of Jesus Christ, who trust in religion without a personal experience of the Saviour.

Thus read the statistics available to us, which reveals the gigantic task that still lies ahead for the Church of Jesus Christ.

Against this tremendous picture let us place the teaching of the Word of God. Jesus Christ died that man might live. In Him there is hope for the sinner. In the Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth . . ." Let us add to that the comment of one of God's servants who, perhaps, knows more about the spiritual condition of the world than any other person: "I believe that the completion of the task of world evangelism within our generation is sanely practicable through a church that will measure up to God's conditions." For this, just two things are necessary—the power of the Holy Spirit, and total dedication on the part of God's people. Christ promised the power of His Holy Spirit, and it is still available. That power is sufficient and ready to enable the church to complete her ministry of carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth. All that remains for its accomplishment is total dedication on your part and mine and that of every other Christian—a dedication of life and possessions. We cannot evangelize the world through attending church, or teaching a Sunday-school class, or witnessing oc-

asionally. We cannot evangelize the world on nickels and dimes or even dollars, or on leftovers, or things we give without missing. It will demand sacrifice of time and life and possessions. It will cost our all. We, as God's people, cannot continue to indulge ourselves in luxuries if we would carry out the task of world evangelization. We must be willing to sacrifice, to give up all we have and even risk our lives, if necessary, in order that the gospel message may go out to our race and our generation.

Wherever the Gospel is preached in all the world it is the "power of God unto salvation." It has been proven over and over again. A few years ago a missionary was invited to the home of a little boy who had attended DVBS. The mother's interest had been aroused by the comments of her little four-year-old and she attended the closing program. A few days later we were in her home, where in spite of three little boys who tried to distract, we talked about the Gospel. It was the first time she had ever heard it, and it seemed marvelous to her. At one point, she said: "Do you mean that I can have all my sins forgiven and forgotten by trusting in the work that Christ did on the cross?" She had grasped the wonderful truth, but when we asked, "Wouldn't you like to accept Him right now and experience what it is to have your sins forgiven?" she hesitated. Then as she realized what



this would mean to her as far as her neighbors and friends were concerned, she said: "Oh, no, I couldn't do it yet. I will have to think about it." I assured her that I was not trying to press her into making a decision. It would need to come from her heart and I would be back to talk to her another day. Then I asked if we might pray, and I had hardly finished when she said: "I can't wait. I want to accept Christ now."

In spite of being unable to attend the meetings regularly because of three small children, she grew in the Lord. She began to read her Bible with interest and understanding. We could never visit her frequently enough to satisfy her. Each time we found a long list of questions that had come to her as she read. And as we finished going over those together, she would say: "Be sure to come again soon. There is so much I need to learn."

She enrolled in a Bible correspondence course which was a blessing to her. She testified to neighbors and relatives and brought some of them to the services.

Her husband was not interested but could not help observing the change that took place in her life. Soon he began testifying to his companions at the military factory, where he worked, about what the Gospel was doing for his wife.

A little later a remarkable thing took place. The husband went to the city of Cordoba and stopped in to visit his father. To his amazement he found him preparing to commit suicide. He had lost his job, had quar-

reled with the woman with whom he was living, and the revolver seemed the easiest way out.

The son could think of only one thing in way of advice and gave it: "Before you do this, I think you should read the Bible. You know what it has done for B—. I know where to get you one." The father was impressed and promised to wait. When the son returned from the gospel bookstore, he had more advice to offer: that was, to take the Bible and go to Alta Gracia, where they had relatives, and stay for a couple of weeks while he read it. The father did this. When he returned, the son had found the address of the nearest evangelical church and took him there, thereby saving not only his father's life but his soul as well.

Not long ago word came that the husband had also accepted the Lord, and the wife and mother is helping give out the Gospel through a Good

News Club in her home.

Years ago two children accepted the Lord as Saviour. He has blessed and kept them through the years. Three years ago they were married and have a happy Christian home and are active in their own church. A few weeks ago a letter came from the wife telling of the Lord's working in their hearts for a total dedication to Christ to leave their home and business, and follow Him to a town where there is no witness. And she closed with these words that are precious in the ears of any missionary: "We continually thank God for your coming to Argentina; otherwise, we might not have heard of Christ." And I could only add: "Thank God for those who made it possible for me to go."

There are millions waiting to hear. How can they hear? Only by renewed dedication, faith, prayer, and sacrifice on the part of each of us.

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## REVIVAL IS NEEDED,

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declares Raymond A. Ashmun in *The Standard*, "when the line of demarcation between the world and the church has grown dim; when the concept of separation is questioned and deserted; when the church has lost its missionary vision; when its members have money for every personal desire but very little for God; when

Christians have time for every personal hobby and excursion but little time to serve the Lord; when duties in the church are drudgery rather than deep pleasure; when the family altar is neglected and forsaken; when it is easier to speak words of criticism rather than words of compliment about fellow Christians; when the prayer meeting holds very little appeal; when the church fails to win converts to Christ; and when the pastor feels he is preaching in a vacuum and his own spiritual life becomes parched."—The Alliance Witness.

## Field Council . . .

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lating of Brethren publications, as well as the stepping up of the colportage ministry, and the passing out of gospel portions and tracts. Just as soon as possible bookstores will be set up at Rio Cuarto, Argentina, and Icoaraci, Brazil. And, the Brazil Field Council has asked the board to work toward establishing a bookstore at Capanema (Brazil) on a project basis! Just as quickly as possible an Argentina "literature missionary" will be placed at Rio Cuarto.

Other outstanding actions of the field councils of Latin lands include placing a second missionary in Cordoba, Argentina's second largest city, to start a new work, and the opening of a work in the key city of Belem, Brazil.

In Brazil an intensive effort will be put forth to integrate the Christian day schools and all other related works into the national church. Significant in Argentina is the plan on the part of Argentines to establish the first Christian day school there, completely apart from the efforts of the missionaries, thus mak-

ing this program completely indigenous from the beginning.

To those who would ask: "Are we really accomplishing in Latin lands?" I would answer, "Yes, very greatly!" Our missionaries went to these lands with the express purpose of evangelizing with the goal of establishing local churches. They are united in this effort. Now, they have nationals—both pastors and laymen—who are standing side by side with them. Together, they are looking to the Lord to lead them forward to the day when the entire program will be in the hands of the nationals.



# Gold Is Where You Find It

By Rev. George Cone, Jr.

An African Bible school student with an untrained teacher told me a proverb a few days ago. He said: "A hunter going for game but always returning with an empty pouch will soon quit going."

His application was correct, and it is his message to you. A student sitting in class under a teacher who doesn't know his subject will soon cease to come back to class.

In America we feel that one of the strongest and longest arms of the church is the Sunday school. We feel that a well-taught church is an active, healthy church and, therefore, there is more and more emphasis put on Sunday-school lessons, contests, prizes, and such. If that is true in America, why should it not be true in Africa? Does the color of a Christian's skin change the fact that each Christian needs to be taught in the Word? Does the fact that the majority of the people are uneducated in secular things mean they do not need training in spiritual things? Does not spiritual strength to stand against materialism meet the African's need as well as the American's?

In our whole field today, the equivalent of three-fourths of one missionary's time is allotted to the vast job of trying to oversee the job of Sunday school in action for the African church.

In America, every pastor is a prospective teacher of the Sunday-school teacher training course. In Africa, there are probably less than ten African pastors who could take advantage of such a course when it is prepared for instructing their teachers.

In America, every church has numbers of people well qualified to take, and pass with little effort, a teacher training course. In most African churches there are so few of the spiritually qualified people who can read well that it is always difficult to find those even qualified to take such a course.

Multiply these problems by the bottlenecks of literature preparation, production, distribution, promotion,

and personnel, and they become tremendous barriers to an effective Sunday-school program.

In literature alone the bottlenecks are astounding, but unless you act now, there is little hope of alleviation in the near future.

First of all, we need personnel to prepare the Sunday-school literature. We have tried to use missionaries on furlough or sick leave, but it has for the most part proved unsuccessful because of their responsibilities at home. We need more missionaries who want to prepare literature for the African church.

When the literature has been written, we do not have enough typists to prepare the materials for printing. We need some expert typists and secretaries—now!

The print shop needs a pressman. We have an excellent engraver who is doing his best to handle the press work, too, and we are thankful for him—but we need you, if you are an offset pressman, and we need you now.

Off the press but not assembled.

Africans can assemble if they have the equipment to operate. We need collators, folders, and staplers this year if we are to overcome this bottleneck.

A book printed but put on the shelves is of no value to a hungry soul. Distribution by means of Africans has proven very unfruitful. We need someone who can spend full time in distribution, colportage, and management of the bookstores that we plan to construct when you send us the money needed for them.

Do you want the African church to be a strong church? It can only be as strong as the individual members, and they can only derive their strength from God's Word. Right now we have large crowds who come to hear the Word, but unless we give them some "game" to take home with them every Sunday, they will soon decide that it is not worth the effort to come home with an empty pouch, and they will just stay home.

African gold is waiting for you now. Gold you will not claim until your works are tried before our Saviour, but real gold. Won't you come now and get your share while it is yet day and you can find it? Some day soon it may be too late; we want you to find gold in Africa with us because it is here in abundance.



Africans line up to buy literature at Bossangoa station bookstore window.



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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Linda and Art with some of their friends in Sunday school.

## My Work and Play on Cotijuba Island

Every morning from Tuesday to Friday I take care of my youngest brother, Henry Paul, while Mommy teaches her Brazilian school children downstairs. He usually plays quietly for half-an-hour and while he does I do my homework. When he begins to fuss I take him down into the yard. If he cries too much I swing him to sleep in a hammock and finish my homework.

Afternoon is school time for Art my oldest brother and me. We each study a lesson and recite it to Mommy. After school I go down to the beach and play among the trees. Sometimes there is time for a game of croquet.

Saturday morning I take care of Henry Paul while Mommy goes out on her bike to visit the ladies of the church. In the afternoon I play with the children who come to Mommy's Saturday Bible class.

Sunday all the family walks the mile to church. Daddy sometimes goes with us but usually he goes to one of the other islands in his boat, the "Vamos". In the afternoon my girl friends come to play with me. We play house with my dolls, play tag, and play in the sand.

I thank the Lord for giving us such a nice place in which to live.

Linda Burk

Age 10

Grade six

Linda is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk, missionaries in Brazil. She wrote this especially for The Children's Page.

## MARY MISSIONARY—

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GUESS WHAT BIBLE VERSE THE **NEW YEAR** MAKES ME THINK ABOUT?



IT'S PROBABLY ABOUT SOMETHING **NEW** — IS IT 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17?



YOU GUESSED IT, MARY! "OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY ... ALL THINGS ARE BECOME **NEW**" — THAT'S WHEN WE BELIEVE ON JESUS!



LET'S PRAY THAT MANY PEOPLE WILL FIND **NEW LIFE** IN THIS **NEW YEAR**!





Miss Cochran with Moses and Grace and their two adopted children, Etienne (Steven) and Jeanne.

## ETIENNE IS GROWING UP

Remember Etienne? He's the little orphan I took in 1957 and adopted him out to one of our medical workers. His parents, Moses and Grace, have been so happy, and he has been happy, too.

Etienne is growing up. He is six years old. Recently when I was at Bassai, he had dinner with me. That was the second time in his life that he had eaten "out." This time we had fresh beef liver, sliced tomatoes, and fried gozo (that's the African manioc root and makes a good substitute for French fries). I instructed the children (a little girl came along to make the "crowd") that they should eat the meat with their forks, the tomatoes with their spoons (they were diced fine), and the gozo they could eat with their fingers. Now this was most confusing, but Etienne met with the problem in fine shape. You see, he is ambidextrous (uses one hand as well as the other), so he used his fork in his right hand and his spoon in the left and the gozo was so enticing that the right and left took turns leaving their tools to care

for a stick of gozo. The meal went very well. Only one glass of water upset, but it was soon swooshed off to the floor by two little pairs of hands.

There were cookies for dessert—two for each. Etienne ate the first as though he really enjoyed it. Upon taking the second, he held it in his hand for a moment and then announced: "I want to take this one to my mama." So it found its place in a dirty little pocket and you may be sure that "mama" enjoyed it very much.

That afternoon Etienne painted a wooden box for me. He had help—Moses and Jacques who live next door. There they were, three little boys, thrilled at their first chance at a paint brush. The paint was a dark mint green. When they were finished, I looked at Etienne and was reminded—amusingly so—of him as a baby when I dressed him in his little green nylon rompers. The color combination is still pretty. A little gasoline, some soap and water, and all was back to normal again.

Etienne is a handy little fellow to have around. He is his daddy's little errand boy and obediently answers "Monsieur" every time his father calls. He makes the fire for his mother and helps her carry wood and water.

Yes; Etienne is growing up. He has learned to whistle, and to spit through his teeth. He takes his place on the local "peewee" soccer ball team. He can hold his own in a tug of war and often succeeds in pulling the other team across the line. He can reach over the top of his head with his right arm and touch his left ear. That means that he is old enough to go to school, and that is what he plans to do this fall.

Pray for Etienne and for all the boys and girls of Africa. Many are not so fortunate as Etienne. He has fine Christian parents. He will go to school just across the way. He lives right beside the dispensary, so he has adequate medical attention. He is indeed fortunate in having all these things—but still he, and all of us, need your prayers.



# "FEED MY SHEEP"

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By  
Mrs.  
Rose  
A.  
Foster  
  
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*(Editor's note: Being "retired" from active missionary service is in no sense an indication of being "retired" in concern for the continuing work of the Mission and the missionaries. The articles on this page and the opposite page were written by two of these "retired" missionaries.)*

The third time the Lord Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, He had a very important message for Peter.

At that time Peter had to determine in his own heart and mind what his future vocation would be. Would it be fishing for fish, or fishing for men?

Soon after the Lord began His earthly ministry, Peter came in contact with Him. In Matthew 4:18 we read: "And Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

Peter's beginning was good. But along the pathway of service something happened to him. At this meeting the Lord found him fishing for fish instead of for men.

Had his love for the Lord diminished? Had he lost his zeal to fish for men? Had he become occupied with "things" instead of the Lord? As the Lord was testing his love, would he choose "fish" or "men"?

Brethren, we like Peter are followers of our Lord. We have been engaged in a great work, that of foreign missions. We know Him as our Saviour, and knowing there are multitudes who do not know Him, we have dedicated ourselves to make Him known.

Several years ago we were at an all-time high in personnel and funds. The one mission field had grown to seven and the few missionaries to more than one hundred. On all these fields many had come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Now there are many "lambs" and more "sheep," and all need to be fed.

But, brethren, in spite of all these blessings something has happened both in foreign lands and at home. Has our love for our Lord grown cold? Where is the zeal we had for the lost, for whom Christ died? Has the glare and glitter of "things" obscured the need for missionaries to go forth to feed His lambs, and the sheep? They need to know the Word so they will be able to teach others.

While the Lord tarries, our task is not finished. As the Lord saw the multitudes when He was on earth, so they are today. The Lord had compassion on them because they fainted, and were scattered as sheep having no shepherd. Then said He to His disciples: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

May our love for Christ be revived, our zeal rekindled, and the love of "things" pass out of our lives. For the things of this world pass away, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. May the love of our Lord so fill our lives that we may be used of Him to feed His lambs and His sheep.

We need to dedicate our lives to really pray, and our funds to send forth the much-needed workers to obey the command of our Lord.



The fallout of modern civilization has dashed down upon the primitive Africans with tremendous speed, and all in a lifetime. Many an African can remember the first white man he saw: the color of his skin was terrifying; the clothes, glasses, gun, and so forth, were all new to him and very marvelous. The grass and trees were cleared away for roads. He saw the first truck as it came charging down the road like a great monster with eyes flashing like the sun, and it terrified him more than seeing a lion. The telegraph, telephone, radio, planes flying overhead—all were new to him.

the Word and believed, and are saved.

Some years ago a band of slave traders came into a village. The women and children were terrified and ran and hid themselves. The men met their foes with spears and knives; some of them escaped, but at least one of the enemies lay dead on the ground. After the skirmish was over, the women and children returned. There was great rejoicing and preparations began for the feast that followed. I must tell you about one of the lads that partook of that cannibal feast and dancing.

This lad later heard the Gospel, accepted Christ as his Saviour, and

visit the work. He stood watching Moise tenderly dressing a badly infected ulcer that covered a large area on the patient's leg. The doctor turned to me and said: "Moise is gentle, isn't he?" To think of the change—from a cannibal to a gentle nurse is quite a hurdle. Only the power of the Holy Spirit can perform such a miracle—and it has happened in the lives of thousands.

A new era began with Independence. We thank God for the stability of our Africans when they took over the reins of the government. There was no bloodshed, rioting, or turmoil. Christianity had had a great influence. Independence brings many opportunities, but also many responsibilities and much hard labor. Many Satanic forces are at work. Will the nation be materialistically pagan, Mohammedan, Communistic, or Christian?

The opportunities for Christian missions are tremendous. The Africans are not satisfied with "the good old days," but they want progress and they want it NOW. They need help and counsel and are looking to the white man for it. We dare not fail them. There is a need for trained pastors in the expansion of the church program that it will be the guiding influence in the march of progress. The church must be kept on the solid Rock, giving forth the Gospel to the lost. The educational program must expand until every child has the opportunity of going to school. Staff and personnel must be trained in the medical field and expanded until there are enough hospitals to care for the sick and to keep pace with the progress in that field. Youth directors are needed, writers for the literature work, printers, and all that is involved. Capable people are needed to carry on a radio ministry; also, technicians in many areas to train the Africans so that they can take over.

The time is ripe, may I say over-ripe; the door is open. Can we take advantages of these tremendous opportunities with a shrinking missionary staff? Is the Lord leading you to pray more and give more? There must be some to answer: "Here am I; send me!"

THE NEED IS NOW.


# THE FALLOUT

*By Miss Grace Byron*

Meeting and hearing the first missionary proclaim the Gospel was also a new experience. Was the missionary telling the truth; did that black thing he held in his hand actually say that? He had the missionary place his finger on the spot and he went to another missionary and asked what it said; this missionary told him the same thing, so he concluded it must be the truth. He heard for the first time: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Many have accepted

came to live on the Mission station. He started to work for the missionary nurse, did little chores around the dispensary at first, and listened intently to the Gospel preached there each morning to the patients. As he grew in the Lord he began to witness, and went each evening to a nearby village to tell them the Gospel. He was also helping more and more in the dispensary. Later he became pastor of the church and conducted the sunrise prayer meeting each morning. While the missionary nurse was on furlough, I filled in at the dispensary. The doctor came to

# NEWS

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**NOTICE!** The December 22 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* contained a ballot card for your vote as to whether you prefer this magazine bi-weekly (every-other-week) in color, or continue a weekly black and white. If you have not already done so, please vote your preference and mail the card to us immediately. No postage is required. Thank you for your cooperation.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** The congregation of the First Brethren Church voted to purchase a car for the Argentine field as a Brethren missionary project for 1963. James Sweeton, pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Lester Smitley, Warminster, Pa., supplied the pulpit at the Third Brethren Church on Dec. 9 while Pastor Robert Kern was recuperating from an emergency appendectomy.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** A recent radio survey made by the stations in Hagerstown revealed that the "Family Altar" radio broadcast sponsored by the Grace Brethren Church had the number one listening audience at the 8:45 a.m. hour. A second radio ministry was initiated in December by this same church. This is a Sunday morning broadcast called "The Brethren Hour" which is aired over WJEJ each week from 8:05 to 8:30 a.m. Warren E. Tamkin is pastor.

**DAVENPORT, IOWA.** Carl Key, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was the radio speaker on the "Bread of Life" program Nov. 26-30 on WDLN, one of the Moody radio stations.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** The 1963-64 edition of Marquis "Who's Who in the West" lists missionary Sam Horney of the Brethren Spanish-American Missions. An open door to the Gospel is reported by Sam

Horney who has a daily radio program—"Chapelttime"—over Taos radio KKIT. An estimated listening audience of 20,000 is being reached through this ministry.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** Charles Turner, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio, will be holding a Jewish conference at First Brethren Church here during Jan. 13-16. Wesley Haller is pastor.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Daggetts, members of Cherry Valley Brethren Church, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in December.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** The Sunday school of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church reports their 40th consecutive monthly attendance increase in the Brethren National Sunday School contest. Congratulations! John J. Burns, pastor.

**CHANGE:** The new telephone number at Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind., is 875-5271.

**ELKHART, IND.** Herman J. Schumacher of Osceola, Ind., was the guest speaker at the Men's Fellowship meeting at the Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 20. Mr. Schumacher showed pictures of his recent missionary trip to Puerto Rico. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

**ASHLAND, OHIO.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports God's blessing on the Crusade for Christ meetings at the Grace Brethren Church during Nov. 11-18. During the eight days, there were eight decisions for salvation and five rededications. Dr. Miles Taber and Rev. William Kolb are the pastors.

**KITTANNING, PA.** The official board of the First Brethren Church voted to invite Simon-Pierre Nambozouina to spend an evening in fellowship during the Christmas vacation. Mr. Nambozouina is an ordained African Brethren elder who is now engaged as a research assistant in a Sango grammar project in Hartford, Conn. He is the first one of our African Christians to set foot

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Evan Adams, San Gabriel, Calif.  
W. Wayne Baker, Aleppo, Pa.  
Everett Caes, Dayton, Ohio  
Shimer Darr, Washington, Pa.  
Paul Eiselstein, Golden, Colo.  
Gene Farrell, Altadena, Calif.

on American soil. Wm. H. Schaffer is pastor.

**CUBA, N. MEX.** The First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. voted to send a 1948 Mack 58 passenger bus to the Brethren Navajo Mission. James McClellan, superintendent of the Mission, plans to turn the seats around and install equipment for the purpose of showing Gospel films while the bus is used for a traveling chapel. This mobile chapel will alleviate one of the transportation problems at the Mission.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Mr. E. Nelson Fay, Brethren missionary appointee to Argentina, was ordained to the Christian ministry Dec. 16 at the North Long Beach Brethren Church. George Peek is pastor.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** The Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, James Dixon, pastor, is presently meeting in a rented church building which is located at Pennsylvania and Southern Avenues, S.E., at the District line.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Nancy Hall was one of eight students initiated into the National Junior Honor Society on Dec. 7. Nancy, an eighth grader, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Hall. Mr. Hall is the Brethren home-missions architectural engineer.

**VANDALIA, OHIO.** Sherwood Durkee, pastor of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church, reports an offering of \$1,134.66 was received in the Dec. 16 morning worship service. One gift of \$500 was designated for the purchase of a new piano, and \$403 was earmarked for building fund.

**BROOKVILLE, OHIO.** The



Grace Brethren Church has purchased four acres of land on the edge of town as a site for their future church building. The cost of the property was \$8,000. Clair Brickel is pastor.

**NOTICE:** All those desiring to have their 1962 issues of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* bound, please have them in the Herald office by January 30. The price for binding is \$6.75.

**NOTICE:** The booklet, "We Believe," by L. L. Grubb, has been reprinted by the *Missionary Herald*. It contains an outline of the doctrines and ordinances set forth in the New Testament, and believed and practiced in the churches associated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It has been newly revised and enlarged. Prices are: Single copy, 15c; 12 copies \$1.65; and 100 copies, \$12.50.

**MIAMI, FLA.** The second mid-winter National Sunday School Convention will be held in the Miami Municipal Auditorium during Jan. 22-24. There will be approximately 100 workshops and 500 exhibitors. One of the main speakers will be Dr. Harold H. Etling, president of NSSA and national director of Brethren Sunday schools. Ralph Colburn, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is chairman of the South Florida Sunday School Association, which is sponsoring the convention.

### ROANOKE, VA.

During the fall revival service with Rev. Bob Collitt, our Brethren evangelist, we had 13 rededications of life, one for church membership, and one in a hospital to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord of life. Besides these outward decisions, we are experiencing real evidence on many having made decisions not publicly expressed. We praise the Lord for His ministry of grace through our evangelist, Bob Collitt.

Our Junior-Middler Sisterhood girls collected and sent to the Brethren Navajo Mission a 38-pound box of useful clothing.

At our Third Annual Thanksgiv-

ing Fellowship Meal, we had 129 members and friends of our Sunday school and church present. The home-mission film, "Gospel Outreach" was shown as a part of the program.

At a congregational meeting on Nov. 4, the congregation voted overwhelmingly to call the pastor for another year. Upon accepting the call, the pastor was given a substantial raise in salary.

Carlton Fuller, pastor

### NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA

The Pleasant Grove Brethren Church—the first Brethren church in Iowa—was busy during December finishing an addition to the church built in the summer of 1961.

Crews of men and women, some church members, others not, put in partitions for Sunday-school rooms and kitchen, restroom facilities, and painted and cleaned the basement addition.

The addition was built to the west of the church proper a year ago. Plans call eventually to build an addition to the church above the basement addition.

The basement addition is 40x60 feet and includes a hall, five classrooms, a kitchen, and restrooms.

The Rev. Robert Whited, has been pastor of the church since August 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Whited have five daughters, the three oldest in school.

Mrs. Everett Lortz was the "supervisor" on the construction project. She says the work started with a donation of \$1,000 by Ernest Myers, Williamsburg, son of the founder of the church. Other donations were received from church members and others to help the project.

Allen White, superintendent of the Sunday school (enrollment about 85), and Earl Davis, did most of the work on the partitions and kitchen cupboards.

The Pleasant Grove Church, built on a hill in the rolling farm land two miles east of Millersburg, was founded by Elder John A. Myers on Nov. 8, 1880 with 16 charter members. Elder Myers was pastor of the church about 37 years, until June 10, 1918

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Ann Louise Cooper and Clark Uhl, Nov. 25, at the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa.

Susan Ewancik and Dennis Allen Jackson, Nov. 16, at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Beverly Joan Myers and James Roger Gaunt, Nov. 24, at the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Lucy Burton and Ron Weir, Dec. 22, at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Orpha Mowen and Art Kline, Nov. 23, at the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

## ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ULRICH, Loyd, was called home to Jesus on Dec. 13. He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio.

Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

BOWERS, Mrs. Mary Alice, passed away on Oct. 2 after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Bowers was a faithful member of longstanding in the Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Everett Caes, pastor.

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when he died. The church now has about 20 families attending.

TORONTO, ONT. (CNS)—The famed People's Church of Toronto has become the victim of its own growth and an expanding subway system. A downtown landmark for evangelicals for 34 years, the famous missionary church has moved to suburbia, and dedication services were held Oct. 28.

The new sanctuary, which accommodates 2,500, was packed to capacity for the dedication. Closed circuit television carried the service to people in other parts of the building.

# The Stomach-Turning Point

By  
Jenkin  
Lloyd  
Jones

Editor of *The Tulsa Tribune*

EXCERPTS FROM A SPEECH TO THE  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER  
EDITORS, APRIL 18, 1962

*(Editor's note: This article contains the disturbing speech of a newspaper editor who declares that the decline in moral life in America has reached the stomach-turning point. We agree with this diagnosis. But we regret that the newsman failed to present Christ and the Word of God as the divine antidote. Read this article! Be challenged to take the Gospel to a decaying America.)*

THIS, ladies and gentlemen, is to be a jeremiad.

I am about to inflict upon you an unrelieved, copper-bottomed, six-ply, all-wood, twenty-five-minute howl of calamity about the present moral climate of America. And I am going to talk about our responsibilities, therefore, as the temporary custodians of America's press.

You may dismiss such fugeyism with a tolerant laugh. But the pathway of history is littered with the bones of dead states and fallen empires. Most of them rotted out before they were overwhelmed.

One thing is certain. We shall be given no centuries for a leisurely and comfortable decay. We have an enemy now—remorseless, crude, brutal, and cocky. However much the leaders of the communist conspiracy may lie to their subjects about our motives, about our conditions of prosperity, our policies and aims, one thing they believe implicitly, and that is, we are in an advanced state of moral decline.

It is a dogma of current communist faith that America is Sodom and Gomorrah, ready for the kill.

Do you know what scares me about

the Communists? It is their puritanism.

The Russian stage is as austere as the Victorian stage. Russian literature may be corny, but it's clean, and it glorifies the Russian people, exudes optimism, and promise. Russian art is stiffly representational, but the paintings and the sculpture strive to depict beauty and heroism—Russian beauty, of course, and Russian heroism.

And what of us?

We are now at the end of the third decade of the national insanity known as "progressive education." This is the education where everybody passes, where the report cards are non-committal lest the failure be faced with the fact of his failure, where all move at a snail pace like a transatlantic convoy so that the slowest need not be left behind, and all proceed toward adulthood in the lockstep of "togetherness."

With what results? We have produced tens of thousands of high school graduates who move their lips as they read and cannot write a coherent paragraph.

When was the last time you, as editors, examined the curricula of your local schools? Are your students



given the standardized Iowa and Stanford tests and, if so, how did your schools rank compared to the national average? Do your kids bring home meaningful report cards, or are parents just getting a lot of gobbledygook about adjustments and attitudes? When was the last time you asked to look at any senior English themes? When have you given a fine picture spread to your town's best scholars?

Because we have generally neglected disciplines in education, it was quite logical that we Americans should neglect disciplines in art.

Our museums are filled with splashes, cubes, and blots being stared at by confused citizens who haven't the courage to admit they are confused.

But fakery in art is a light cross we bear. Much more serious is our collapse of moral standards and the blunting of our capacity for righteous indignation.

Our Puritan ancestors were preoccupied with sin. They were too preoccupied with it. They were hagridden and guilt-ridden and theirs was a repressed and neurotic society. But they had horsepower.

And for all their exaggerated attention to sin, their philosophy rested on a great granite rock. Man was the master of his soul. You didn't have to be bad. You could and should be better. And if you wanted to escape the eternal fires, you'd better be.

In recent years all this has changed in America. We have decided that sin is largely imaginary. We are bemused with behaviorist psychology, which holds that abstract things like insight, will, and spirit are figments of the imagination.

We are far gone in fancy euphemy. There are no lazy bums any more—only “deprived persons.” It is impolite to speak of thugs. They are “underprivileged.” We have sown the dragon's teeth of pseudo-scientific sentimentality, and out of the ground has sprung the legion bearing switchblade knives and bicycle chains.

Clearly something is missing. Could it be what the rest of the world's children have been given—the doctrine of individual responsibility?

Finally, there is the status of our

entertainment and of our literature.

Can anyone deny that movies are dirtier than ever? But they don't call it dirt. They call it “realism.” Why do we let them fool us? Why do we nod owlily when they tell us that filth is merely a daring art form, that licentiousness is really social comment? Isn't it plain that the financially-harrassed movie industry is putting gobs of sex in the darkened drive-ins in an effort to lure curious teen-agers away from their TV sets?

Three weeks ago Bill Diehl, the righteously-angry entertainment editor of the *St. Paul Dispatch*, ran down the list of present and coming attractions, as follows:

Walk on the Wild Side. Set in a brothel.

A View From the Bridge. Incest.

The Mark. A strange young man trifles with little girls.

The Children's Hour. Two schoolteachers suspected of being Lesbians.

All Fall Down. A psychopathic attacker of females.

Cape Fear. A crazy rapist.

Lolita. A middle-aged man's affair with a twelve-year-old.

The Chapman Report. The adventures of a nymphomaniac.

Just think! All this and popcorn, too!

Last year our advertising manager and I got so tired of Hollywood's horizontal art that we decided to throw out the worst and set up some standards. We thought that this belated ukase of ours might cause some interruption in advertising some shows. But no. Within a couple of hours the exhibitors were down with much milder ads. How was this miracle accomplished?

It seems that exhibitors are supplied with several different ads for each movie. If the publishers are dumb enough to accept the most suggestive ones, those are what they get. But, if publishers squawk, the cleaner ads are sent down. Isn't it time we all squawked?

I think it's time we gentlemen of the press quit giving Page 1 play to Liz and Eddie. I think it's time we asked our Broadway and Hollywood columnists if they can't find something decent and inspiring going on along their beats.

And the stage:

Last summer an American touring company presented one of Tennessee Williams' riper offerings to an audience in Rio de Janeiro. The audience hooted and walked out. And where did it walk to? Right across the street where a Russian ballet company was putting on a beautiful performance for the glory of Russia! How stupid can we get?

We are drowning our youngsters in violence, cynicism, and sadism piped into the living room and even the nursery. Every Saturday evening in the Gunsmoke program Miss Kitty presides over her combination saloon and dance hall. Even the five-year-olds are beginning to wonder what's going on upstairs. The grandchildren of the kids who used to weep because The Little Match Girl froze to death now feel cheated if she isn't slugged, raped, and thrown into a Bessemer converter.

And there's our literature. A Chicago judge recently issued a blanket injunction against any one who might try to prevent the sale of *Tropic of Cancer* to children. Lady Chatterley's lover and Ulysses are on the paperback shelves right next to the comic books. They can close the bookstalls on the Seine. It's all over at your corner drugstore where the kids hang out.

Who is tampering with the soul of America?

Dr. Celia Deschin, specialist in medical sociology at Adelphi college in a recent article in *This Week* magazine, says it's time for a new kind of Kinsey Report. She asserts that the late Doctor Kinsey produced a report that was heavily loaded by exhibitionists, and that did immense damage to America by peddling the impression that sexual self-discipline neither exists in this country nor is it desirable.

Ladies and gentlemen, do not let me overdraw the picture. This is still a great, powerful, vibrant, able, optimistic nation. Americans—our readers—do believe in themselves and in their country.

But there is rot, and there is blight, and there is cutting out and filling to be done if we as the leaders of free men are to survive the hammer blows, which quite plainly are in store for us all.

## OH GUIDING LIGHT

Oh guiding Light,  
How wonderful, how bright,  
How pure and true Thy Word,  
Reverent is my prayer,  
Your love sets my heart aflame,  
Oh guiding Light, lead my way  
Onward upward, til I reach  
Heaven some day,

Oh Saviour mine,  
I live to hear Thy name,  
I am Thy servant, make me  
Faithful and true,  
Give me wisdom, and  
Give me strength,  
Please bless and be with me,  
In all I may do,

Oh guiding Light,  
Brighter than a fiery sunset,  
In the evening sky, a rainbow,  
Irradiating the day, mountains,  
Towering in a distance, or  
A roaring sea, Thy love far more,  
Beautiful to me,

Oh guiding Light,  
My dream, my help, my hope,  
Lead me home, for I am  
Heaven bound.  
I long to see Thy face,  
Which has become lovelier,  
Than the birds, the trees,  
The flowers the seas, and  
Every earthly thing.

*Tonita Mac donald*  
*of Grace Brethren Church*  
*Portland, Oregon*

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We have reached the stomach-turning point. We have reached the point where we should re-examine the debilitating philosophy of permissiveness. Let this not be confused with the philosophy of liberty. The school system that permits our children to develop a quarter of their natural talents is not a champion of our liberties. The healthy man who chooses to loaf on unemployment compensation is not a defender of human freedom. The playwright who

would degrade us, the author who would profit from pandering to the worst that's in us, are no friends of ours.

It's time we hit the sawdust trail. It's time we revived the idea that there is such a thing as sin—just plain old willful sin. It is time we brought self-discipline back into style. And who has a greater responsibility at this hour than we—the gentlemen of the press.

So I suggest:

Let's look at our educational institutions at the local level, and if Johnny can't read by the time he's ready to get married, let's find out why.

Let's quit being bulldozed and bedazzled by self-appointed longhairs. Let's have the courage to say that a book is dirt if that's what we think of it, or that a painting may be a daub if the judges unwittingly hang it upside down. And if some beatnik welds together a collection of rusty cog-wheels and old corset stays and claims it's a greater sculpture than Michelangelo's "David" let's have the courage to say that it looks like junk and may well be.

Let's blow the whistle on plays that would bring blushes to an American Legion stag party. Let's not be awed by movie characters with barnyard morals even if some of them have been photographed climbing aboard the Presidential yacht. Let us pay more attention in our news columns to the decent people everywhere who are trying to do something for the good of others.

In short, let's cover up the cesspool and start planting some flowers.

Well, that's the jeremiad. I never dreamed I'd go around sounding like an advance man for Carry Nation.

But I am fed up to here with the educationists and pseudo-social scientists who have underrated our potential as a people.

I am fed up to here with the medicine men who try to pass off pretense for art, and prurience for literature.

I am tired of seeing America debased in the eyes of foreigners.

And I am genuinely disturbed that to idealistic youth in many countries the fraud of communism appears synonymous with morality, while we, the chief repository of real freedom, are regarded as being in the last stages of decay.

Unless I misread the signs a great number of our people are ready. Let there be a fresh breeze, a breeze of new pride, new idealism, new integrity.

And here, gentlemen, is where we come in.

We have typewriters.

We have presses.

We have a huge audience.

How about cleaning up this mess.



# THE GREAT ATTRACTION



By Rev. Robert D. Kern

Pastor, Third Brethren Church  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

As Christians we often wonder, "Are people concerned about the things of the Lord today?" "If I witness to them, will they listen?" "Can people today be reached?"

Before we hesitate and hedge in answering this, listen to the words of Jesus in John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

These words are true. Christ has drawn men from every tribe and nation and tongue on earth. Christianity has touched more people through the centuries than has any other philosophy or way of life. Why is this?

## Christianity Is Supernatural

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth." People have discovered in Christianity that it has power to lift them to a new plain of living. This is possible because of the resurrection of our Lord. The other religions of the world may edify and teach, but they have no power to change man's ways of living.

In John 1:12 Jesus said: "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." II Corinthians 5:17 states: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Paul's prayer for the Ephesians was that they might know "What is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead."

Yes; many have been drawn to Christianity because of its life-giving power.

## Christianity Is Universal

"I . . . will draw *all men* unto me." Not only has Christ drawn people from every tribe and nation unto Him, but also He ultimately draws every man to Him. No one goes through life without having been encountered and spoken to at some time by the living Christ.

Sometimes the occasion comes when there is a death in the family as it did in the case of Mary and Martha. At other times He speaks to us when in the crowds as on the

day of the triumphal entry. At other times He speaks to us quite unexpectedly as He must have done to the Greeks who came to see Him. But in every case sooner or later man is brought face to face with His claims.

No matter what our situation or circumstance in life the Gospel has an answer. Christianity has drawn many because they have discovered that the answer to every problem in life is Christ.

## Christianity Is Personal

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men *unto me*." The great attraction in Christianity is not only its power and its universal appeal, but its greatest attraction is Jesus himself. I will draw all men unto me.

On the road to Damascus Paul said: "Who art thou, Lord?" The answer which came back was "I am Jesus." This has always been the cry of men who have been encountered by Christ. Who art thou, Lord?

When Jesus was on the earth this was the question which He put to the disciples. "Whom do men say that I am?" This is ever the question. Who is Jesus? What do you think of Christ? Whose son is He?

This is the question which many today have never squarely faced. Never man spoke, lived, taught, or died as Jesus did. To honestly face Him as revealed in the Scriptures is to be drawn to Him as Lord and Saviour.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Christ was lifted up by the resurrection. Because He was lifted up we read in the New Testament that He is coming again. On that day Paul says: "Every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess."

Until that day when Christ returns personally and draws all men to Him, let us constantly lift Him up before the world. Let us demonstrate His supernatural power first in our own lives. Let us present His claims universally to all men. Let us hold Him up before all men in our preaching, teaching, and witnessing so that all might see and believe in Him.



# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

Praise God for the open weather and resulting progress on the building of the Women's Dormitory during, October, November, and much of December. Pray for continued progress on this project.

Pray for the opening of the second semester, beginning January 28, that the student bodies may be after God's own choosing.

Pray for the closing weeks of the Seminary and College emphasis period (December and January).

Pray for the Grace Bible Conference, February 4-8, including the Louis S. Bauman Memorial lectures.

## EVANGELISM

Pray for a full schedule for the Schlatter-Tanner team of evangelists for next summer.

Pray for leading in arranging a new permanent evangelist to start the fall of 1963.

Pray for an awakening of our denomination to the tremendous need for a denomination-wide evangelistic program.

Pray for a greatly increased offering for Evangelism the last Sunday in February.

Pray for the success of laymen to have a program of their own on Evangelism Sunday.

## HOME MISSIONS

Praise God for a good response to the Minute Man letter for Westminster, California, and pray for the same response to the Vandalia (Ohio) letter.

Pray for Denver, Colorado; Cheyenne, Wyoming; San Diego, California and Leon, Iowa as they go self-supporting in 1963.

Pray for the spring board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council directors meeting in February.

Pray for the health of our two Taos missionaries, Sam I. Horney, and Celina Mares.

## LAYMEN

Pray for the men in Boy's Brigade work.

Pray for the recipients of the Laymen scholarships.

Pray that the Laymen of the brotherhood will get behind the national projects.

Pray for the national officers.

Pray for the formation of laymen's groups in many more of our churches.

## SMM

Pray for all the college SMM groups, especially during exam time.

Pray that each girl will receive a real challenge from the Bible studies.

Pray that the girls will feel the responsibility of inviting other girls to their meetings.

## WMC

Pray that the Holy Spirit will give to each member of the WMC a deep responsibility to pray for those who are in WMC, both at home and in foreign lands.

Pray that each WMC lady will be challenged to tithe the hours on Prayer Day, spending at least two hours and thirty minutes in fervent prayer for our mission fields, and Brethren interests, and for the unsaved of our acquaintance.

Pray that the need for consecrated family worship be laid more defi-

nately upon the hearts of our mothers in WMC in these days of tremendous temptations for our young people.

## YOUTH

Pray for several decisions that have been made recently by young people to give their lives to the Lord for full-time service.

Praise the Lord for two college students who are interested in summer missionary work. Pray that more may respond for summer work.

Pray for the coming National Youth Week, January 27 through February 3 that this youth emphasis may be instrumental in the lives of many young people in reaching them for Christ.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

Praise the Lord for a very successful past year in all the operations of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Pray that God's blessing and favor will be manifest upon the printed ministry of The Brethren Church during this new year.

Pray that God's will shall be revealed regarding the color bi-weekly issue for our Brethren Fellowship.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pray for the Housewives' Morning Bible Study Class held in Waimalu, Hawaii, and for the salvation of these ladies.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity of having a 5-minute broadcast three times a week on one of the largest, most powerful radio stations in Argentina.

Pray for the salvation of the family in whose home the Wednesday Night Bible Class is held in Puerto Rico.

Praise God for the island ministry in Brazil and for the three pastors of this work. Pray for them.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pray that new superintendents and teachers may be effective in their work.

Pray that the increased attendances over the Christmas season may result in the salvation of many.

Pray for the mid-winter NSSA convention in Miami, Florida.

# BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

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## BY THE POWER OF GOD

THROUGH FRUSTRATION, BOREDOM

AND FUTILITY

BY MRS. ARTHUR CAREY

*Rialto, California*

All through our Christian lives we are constantly reminded that the Christian life is a happy life. We should "Rejoice evermore," and we are admonished to be joyful, singing, and happy in our salvation and the blessed hope. We sing, "I'm so Happy," and "Joy, Joy," and we really mean it.

Why, then, do we find ourselves, at times, pressed down with feelings of utter futility, extreme frustration, or deadening boredom? We may even go so far as to groan with Jonah who said: "Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." Or Job who complained: "Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter in soul; which long for death, but it cometh not."

Many Christian wives and mothers have had relatively trouble free lives. Some have not known extreme poverty, unfaithful husbands, loss of a child, or an unsaved child, or other calamities. If one or more such conditions do exist, we often, by God's grace, become a tower of strength to the family or others affected by the problem. Why then, from time to time in our Christian experience do we know these times of desperation? Is God concerned with this seemingly foolish problem? How can we get victory?

After reading on the subject, discussing it with other women, and

praying over it, we may be able to receive some shafts of light that can help.

First of all, if we find it next to impossible to maintain a time to be quiet and alone with God, unhurried and uninterrupted, our day seems pointless and incomplete. During the time our children are pre-schoolers, many days find us without one quiet period when we may refresh our strength and courage. Sometimes wakeful hours in the night become a real blessing so that one can pray and meditate and repeat Scripture verses in the darkness. If the wakefulness is persistent, it is even possible to get up and look into His Word for a precious, undisturbed half hour. Our souls grow hungry and droop with futility when we have had no communion with Him.

Some times when duties become less pressing we have formed the habit of neglect of His Word, and it requires a measure of will power to recapture the joy of time with Him. Let us not allow Satan to defeat us in this.

Then we need to consider that our physical state can bring on these unhappy attitudes. One physician has gone so far as to state that during our childbearing years there is actually only one week in a month when we are not affected. Even though she may feel reasonably well, a woman is prone to experience high and low

extremes for which she has no explanation, which, of course, result in despondency or frustration.

Extreme fatigue which accompanies night vigils or unrelenting daytime schedules are almost certain to bring on that feeling of hopelessness. What is the answer to this problem? Certainly it is difficult to answer. But first we owe it to ourselves, husbands, and children to make sure we are using every physical aid known to assure ourselves of the maximum of stamina and vitality. Physical check-ups, eye and tooth care, vitamins or recommended medication cannot be money wasted when our status as wife, mother, or more important, our Christian testimony is at stake.

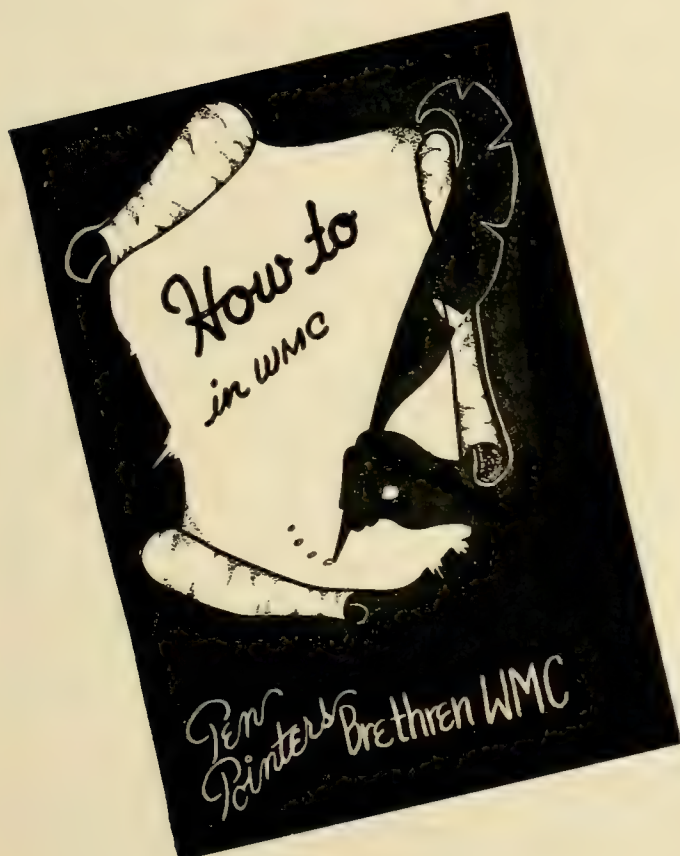
Mothers of young children often experience the feeling of being trapped or caged. Their time is packed solid with small necessities, and frequently there is no release week after week from the twenty-four hour vigil. If there are no wonderful people whom we call grandparents or aunts, it can become a real problem. Most mothers have no desire to shift this responsibility, but all they need is a break once or twice a week. If we can keep reminding ourselves that infancy is at best brief and precious, along with convincing Daddy of this, and that he should share it, too, we can lessen the boredom that comes with monotony.

Being taken for granted and having our best efforts at grooming, housekeeping, meal preparation, go unnoticed and unappreciated can be very disheartening. Jesus was and is not appreciated. He "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant . . . and humbled himself, and became obedient unto death" (Phil. 2:7-8).

To have an aged relative in the home over an extended period of time can be very depressing. One can reprove and regulate the behavior of a child, but what about an aged and childish relative who has done us nothing but good in his younger years? To fit such a one into the home schedule and discipline, too

# PEN POINTERS . . . *Use Them Freely!*

Every WMC woman should read all the PEN POINTERS and be able to tell what part WMC plays in the work of her church. She should read them in order to be familiar with the *Programs, Plans, Policies and Projects* of WMC. Have Pen Pointers available always for WMC information and use them widely.



## **The eight Pen Pointers are:**

What Is WMC?

Women Manifesting Christ

Home Frontiers

Working in My Church

Beyond Our Borders

Ways and Means

How To in WMC

Patterns

often leaves a sense of guilt and ingratitude. Only God can give grace in such a situation, and again, a quiet time with Him will renew our strength and bear us up as on eagle's wings.

When one hopes and plans for a circumstance or condition, whether it be financial, geographical, material, or spiritual, which one cannot seem to attain, can wear one threadbare. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life" (Prov. 13:12). Sometimes we have to hold ourselves at arm's length and evaluate what is really important. Some dreams we can toss aside with an indulgent smile for our past foolish yearnings, and

others we must fold up and gently place them in memory perhaps with breaking hearts. Unfulfilled desires here can help us to long for heaven and our Saviour. We can trust Him who assures us that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Some have the problem of a weak or inadequate program in the church (yes; Brethren churches, too). The hard to get Sunday-school scholar comes into a class with a weak or unprepared teacher. Our neighbor finally responds to our invitation to church and the sermon seems poor that day. Our soul longs for swelling anthems and organ preludes, but our choir is woefully incomplete and off

key. We spend hours on a program and scarcely any one attends. Thus we find ourselves desiring to be "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease." But it is heartening to remember that the battle is the Lord's, and He cares more than we do and will somehow get glory to His name. He has not required us to be successful but *faithful*. Let us ever keep that before us (II Cor. 4:16-18).

Every time we really get busy and dig and study a passage of Scripture, we are amazed at its practical application to the problem at hand. Let us look just now into His Word in I Peter 1:3-7 and claim the promises there that assure us we are "Kept by the Power of God" in all these things.



# Experiences of Mine

BY MRS. MABEL PEEK

Long Beach, California

When I give my personal testimony, I refer to myself as a typical American pagan. I do not remember hearing the clear gospel message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone until I was about sixteen. I speak this to the shame of Christians. My brother, four years younger than I, began attending a Plymouth Brethren Sunday school. Here he learned the gospel story and soon put his faith in Christ. He then began to pray for his mother and dad and his big sister. As mothers do, bless their hearts, my mother attended services with her son. One day she too saw herself as a needy soul before the Lord and trusted Him personally. Immediately they both began to pray for us. My dad and I would go occasionally to special meetings and finally one night we both were born again! God truly changed our lives, and we knew the reality of being "new creatures in Christ." The things of God we once backed away from became *very* important, and we had a whole new outlook. From that day, August 24, 1933, to this I have never doubted the nearness of God. I received excellent Christian training through a faithful Bible teacher, Miss Anna Gleason. I learned to know the Lord as ever-present in my life. There have been times I have failed Him, but never once have I doubted His love and nearness, for He indwells me, and it is in *His* righteousness that I

stand *completely* acceptable before the Father in heaven. Praise *His* name!

So far as sharing with you an experience which brought me nearer to the Lord, I can't because as I said before, He is *always* near. But I will tell you two things that have thrilled my heart anew as I seek to serve the Lord daily with joy. Remember, it is the "joy of the Lord that is our strength." And there is no greater joy than telling the gospel story. Just this past year I asked the Lord for a "special" something to do for Him. I started going door-to-door giving a clear presentation of God's plan of salvation to those at home

or leaving a tract if they weren't there. This is not just an invitation to "come to church." I thought if the Jehovah's Witnesses can do it so can I, and *you can too!* The key to the whole thing is to *know* that you yourself are saved and to be *convinced* that *only* through faith in Christ *alone* can people know the forgiveness of sins and have peace of heart and mind. Men and women *are* lost, whether they believe it or not. Let us seek them out for the Good Shepherd who "came to seek and to save the lost."

The other thing we've been doing

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## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

### AFRICA—

Mr. Albert W. Balzer	March 1
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver	March 2
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Barbara Jean Miller	March 18, 1951
Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. C. B. Sheldon	March 21
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Paul Marvin Goodman	March 25, 1951
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Miss Evelyn Schumacher	March 27
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic	

### ARGENTINA—

Kenneth Paul Churchill	March 5, 1947
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Mrs. Hill Maconaghy	March 21
Quintana 353, Adrogué, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.	

### BRAZIL—

Janet Sue Zielasko	March 8, 1961
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil	
James Melvin Zielasko	March 17, 1955
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil	

### FRANCE—

Beckie Maurita Fogle	March 17, 1948
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. et O.), France	

### HAWAII—

Rev. Edmund M. Leech	March 12
98-404 Ponohele Street, Waimalu, Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii	
Rev. Foster R. Tresise	March 20
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii	

### MEXICO—

Lorraine Marcella Edmiston	March 4, 1957
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	
Thomas Alden Howard	March 17, 1953
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.	
John Leroy Howard	March 20, 1946
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.	

### PUERTO RICO—

Joel Eric Dickson	March 14, 1961
Erhet Inc. Parada 30, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico	
Mrs. Maxwell H. Brennenman	March 28
P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico	

### IN THE UNITED STATES—

Mrs. Thomas T. Julien	March 27
403 West North Street, Arcanum, Ohio	

# "TRUST IN THE LORD"

By Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Jr.

## 1962-1963 WMC BIRTHDAY MISSIONARY



"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." These are two of my favorite verses and they have meant much to me through my life. How blessed it is to trust in Him. It has not always been easy to trust and say "Thy will be done," but He knows what is best for us.

The Lord blessed me with wonderful Christian parents who gave me to the Lord while I was a baby and taught me reverence and love for Him. They would gladly have given each of their three children to the Lord for His service. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

There are many faithful Christians who have been a real inspiration and help in my life, especially faithful teachers and preachers in our church at La Verne, California. At the age of six, during one of our Junior Christian Endeavor meetings, I accepted the Lord, and made a public decision in the church that evening. One Sunday morning while Rev. Archie Lynn was giving the message, the Lord spoke to me about dedicating my life to Him. It was some time later, after hearing different missionaries speak and having the privilege of coming in close contact with many of them as my folks entertained them in our home, that I felt the Lord calling me to missionary service in Africa. There were still many years ahead of me, since I was just beginning high school. The Lord was always there to lead the way.

I have much appreciation of young people's camps because of what they meant to me. At these

camps I was brought closer to the Lord, and I made many lasting friendships. Among these friends was Dorothy Wolf; she too was a recruit for Africa. The Lord led us to the same hospital for nurse's training, and together to Grace Seminary. We thought that He was leading us to go to Africa together, too. After going to Grace a year, Dorothy became Mrs. Wayne Beaver. The following year the Beavers left for Africa. At this time the Lord brought a young man into my life. How wonderful to trust Him! We were married the summer before Marvin's last year in Grace, and we made plans for our service in Africa.

The Lord has blessed us with four children—David, Anne, Paul, and Suzan—who have given us much joy. They have loved the Africans, and in turn have been loved by these people. We are praying that each of our children will be a joy to the Lord throughout life.

Twice the Lord has brought Anne near death. The first time was when she contracted polio when she was three years old. We were at N'Zoro, 150 miles from a doctor, but the Lord undertook and raised her up. It was necessary for us to return to the United States in order that she might have treatments and rehabilitation for the paralysis that had set in. At that time we thought that the Lord had put an end to our missionary service in Africa. But, after we had been in the U. S. for three years, the Lord removed the obstacles. Following a successful operation for Anne, we were able to return to our work at N'Zoro.

After three terms on the field, we faced the difficult problem of leaving two of our children at home. We

had been on furlough seven months and still had no idea where we would leave our two oldest children when we returned to our work. Time was passing fast. What would we do? How good it was to trust Him! He opened up a wonderful home for Dave and Anne with Keith and Lois McDaniels in Sunnyside, Washington. This helped to ease the heartache of separation.

Since that time Anne was brought near death for the second time. This was the hardest time of testing we have ever experienced—to be so far away and not be able to help. Oh, yes, we could help in the most effectual way—by our prayers. But how we longed to help in other ways, too. We praise the Lord that once again through trial He received glory for himself.

In the following year, as many of you know, the Lord called Keith McDaniels to himself. We pray that David and Anne will be a real blessing to Lois McDaniels as she is to them. This is not the way that we would have worked things out, but He is directing our path. We know that the Lord's grace is sufficient.

We are enjoying Paul and Suzan four months of the year now. In two years we will face the problem of separation from them also.

Our work is a real challenge and probably more so now than ever before. We missionaries are so few in number, and this is such an important time when it is necessary to train

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# Pen Pointer

## Questions and Answers

By Mrs. Leo Polman

*Q.—My Dear Mrs. Pen Pointer, I have a question I would like to ask. As chairman of the project committee in our council I need help in choosing projects. Can you suggest any for us?*

*A.—I would just love to, Mrs. First Vice President. You know there are eight members in our Pen Pointer family. One is filled with suggestions for the local council. Her name is "Working in My Church." Do consult her and you will find many suggestions for your local council. It is not necessary to have money projects for the local councils. Much of your offerings should go to the four major national projects in WMC. In reality these are your local projects you know (along with your Birthday and Jewish offerings). Each council can find lots to do to keep them busy in their own local church. Also each can keep its missionary chest filled as a good way to help the missionaries. SMM needs your backing as patronesses besides the furnishing of awards and pen-nants. Did you know April of 1963 is SMM's 50th anniversary? So plan something special in celebration, tying SMM and WMC together.*

Your church is your Jerusalem in missionary work. Two more Pen Pointers, "Home Frontiers" and "Beyond our Borders," also give missionary project suggestions.

*Q.—When we take our offerings, we never can decide how much to keep for local expenses and how much to give to district and national major offerings. Do any of your Pen Pointer helpers have anything to say about this problem?*

*A.—Yes indeed, you will need P.P.*

"Ways and Means." She suggests several ways to receive offerings. One especially good way is to divide each offering as follows: one-half to the national major offering, one-fourth to the district offering, and one-fourth for local expense. Also you will find many helps in "Ways and Means" to make offering time an interesting and happy occasion.

*Q.—We have discussed local councils working in their church. What about district projects?*

*A.—It has been suggested that each district have at least one project during the year within their own district. It is logical to look first within the district for a special need, such as a home-mission church to help, camp furnishings to be supplied, or the needs of missionaries from that district remembered. You see your district is your Samaria.*

Do not forget that the four national project offerings besides Birthday and Jewish are your own Missionary Outreach. The Home

Mission, Christian Education, Foreign Mission, and General and Publication Offerings for national projects are your "uttermost" part in WMC. These should not be neglected by all means.

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### WMC NEWS

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA — The WMC of the Clearbrook Brethren Church has been awarded a plaque for having the greatest percentage of women attending three consecutive district rallies. The plaque will be retained by the Clearbrook ladies and will be displayed in their church. Madeline Bradbury, secretary

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### Experiences . . .

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at our house is to pray specifically for each one in our church. By using a page in the church directory each day and including our foreign and home missionaries, we find our hearts are drawn closer to those of like precious faith and the work God has given them to do. As we think of others in this way, we are fulfilling our Saviour's last command to "Go . . . and teach all [people]—I am with you always"—and, if you like, we are drawn even nearer to His great heart of love!

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### "Trust in the Lord"

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leaders and counsel these people who now have their independence but are still in need of spiritual help. The women's work has always been of interest to me. Through the years we have seen much progress, and they still need a great deal of teaching. But, it's a blessing to have some women leaders who have a desire to serve and are capable of doing so. My desire is to continue to teach the women that each of them in turn will be able to return to her village to teach.

It's a joy to be in the Lord's service and to put one's trust in Him—and to let Him direct and supply every need!

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My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,  
O Lord; in the morning will I direct my  
prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Psalm 5:3

# KEEP LOOKING UP



LOOKING TO JESUS . . . IN PUERTO RICO

BY MRS. JAMES DICKSON

I want to be called Marie for that is a common name here in Puerto Rico. I have asked the Lord Jesus into my heart, and I love him very much and want to serve Him with all my heart. Philippians 1:9-10 says: "I pray, that your *love* may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be *sincere* and void of offence unto the day of Christ" (ASV).

With the Lord Jesus in our hearts in the form of the Holy Spirit, we have love overflowing. Then we desire this love to grow, so we must feed it with knowledge. This can be done by reading the Bible, reading books, and going to school and church. We must pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom in using the knowledge we have gained. For one to have wisdom to be able to choose right from wrong is discernment. Because of this love, fed with knowledge, we will be able to choose right from wrong; we will be sincere in all things; and most important we will not offend the Lord Jesus until He comes for us in the clouds.

There are many sincere, but it is without loving Christ. Thus they make wrong decisions and offend the Lord Jesus.

We have a high mountain here by

the name of El Yunque. It is located in an area called "the Rain Forest." The U.S. forest conservation has made paths and roads in this mountain so you can see the beautiful flowers and foliage that are growing there. One spot has a tower where you can see the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Caribbean Sea on the other. On day a family of three parked their car and walked up one



Mrs. Dickson

of the paths to the tower. When they had seen the scenery and felt the moisture of the clouds flowing by, they started down. Their daughter of seven started running ahead because she saw some young people she wanted to follow. Then she felt a stone in her shoe. She knelt down and removed it. When she stood up to again follow the young people, they were gone. She looked back and her mother and father weren't in sight either. She started on by herself

and was following the path easily until she came to a place where there were two paths. She chose one and walked and walked. The path became narrower with big stones in it. She got hungry and ate berries. All of a sudden she slipped and fell down a hill landing on a big ledge. She was so tired that she just laid still and fell asleep. Other people were not sleeping, for her parents, the police, and the army were looking for her. When the sun arose she awakened and heard them calling her name. She answered them and was rescued. She had taken her eyes off of her guide and was lost even though she sincerely thought she was right. She lacked knowledge of the way to go.

There is another group of people here that lack knowledge. They are seeking God sincerely, but they fail to go to the Bible to learn of God. Instead they are going to a woman by the name of Mita who has claimed to be God. As the result Satan is leading them deeper into sin, and making it more difficult for them to find the true God and worship Him. They have love, but it is placed on the wrong person.

It is said Latin Americans are a very warmhearted people. How true this is for love is shown forth in many of our customs and associations. At Christmastime neighbors get together and have a party that often lasts



## Suggested Program for February

### Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Suffering"

Junior—Mrs. Ida Mae Anthony

Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker

Senior—Mrs. Donald Cale

### Memory Verse:

Philippians 1:10

### Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Puerto Rico"

Mrs. James Dickson

### Emblem:

Heart

until three or four o'clock in the morning, and sometimes we never even go to bed. In our songs we sing much of love and our poems also show it. When someone admires your dress, you say, *a la orden*, which means you can wear it when you want. Then when someone new enters our house we say, *Esta in su casa*, which means you are in your house. That also gives you access to everything in the house.

One day a package was received by a young girl. It was a set of dolls from Sweden which could never be replaced. How happy she was over the dolls. She placed them on a shelf so everyone could see them. There came a family with two small girls to visit. Immediately the girls saw the dolls and wanted them. The owner of them said: "Here they are, they are yours." After the girls were gone the mother of the older girl said: "You didn't have to give them the dolls." The reply came back:

"But, Mother, they wanted the dolls." Nothing more was said. This girl had learned to give sincerely in love.

This, however, can lead to trouble when you let that love for man be greater than that for the Lord. We live by love and giving of ourselves and our possessions to satisfy the needs of our family and others. At Christmastime many children and adults with no employment take their guitars, "scratchers," *moracas*, and other things to keep rhythm. They go from house-to-house singing Spanish Christmas songs, and then we give them a coin.

Some fathers have a difficult time saying No to their children, so they do many different things to satisfy their child's desires. Some work harder and earn more money so they can live in a better house and give the child his desires. Many times both the mother and father work to do this. Then there are the other fathers, not

working, who go steal either the thing desired or money to purchase that thing. There are many in the prison today who are not sorry they were stealing, but only sorry they were caught. These had love, but it wasn't on the Lord and thus it caused them to do something very wrong in the Lord's eyes.

William's version of the New Testament says our verse this way: ". . . your love may overflow still more and more, directed by fuller knowledge and keener insight, so that you may always prove the better things, and be men of transparent character and blameless life, men that are abounding in fruits of right doing with the help of Jesus Christ, to the honor and praise of God."

We become very angry if we feel a person is not being honest with us. We like to see in their lives honesty and the practice of what they preach. We must live transparent lives before people so that they may see in us honesty, but more than that that they may see the Lord Jesus glorified.

The first thing then is to love the Lord Jesus with all of our hearts, then feed this love with the Word and other knowledge. The Holy Spirit can then give us wisdom in using this knowledge to make right decisions. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to live through us—our eyes, mouth, feet, hands—so that we may live an honest, sincere, transparent life—clear as glass—and glorify the Lord until He comes.

## Prayer Requests

1. Pray that God will challenge each girl's heart to the urgent need of missionaries.

2. Pray for at least two missionaries by name.

3. Ask God to give you a deep and sincere love for Jesus Christ, which God desires of you.

4. Pray for your pastor that God will use him in a mighty way to lead many to Jesus and of a deeper knowledge of Him.

## Additions and Corrections

1. Remember to send your offering on time to Dee Anna Caldwell, national treasurer.

2. To the Indiana and Northern California districts, remember to send your news items to the national editor, Rosalie Ash, at once.

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# Reporting!

**MARTINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**—The Lord has been blessing the three groups with wonderful devotional programs. A new Middler group was begun this fall because of increased interest and attendance.

The Junior girls are filling pockets in their aprons with coins in order to have a good district project offering.

The Middler groups are learning to knit, and planned to distribute fruit baskets last Christmas to shut-ins.

The Senior girls filled "treat boxes" at Halloween and sent them to four of their members who are away at college. Each girl has a penny partner to help make the goal of the district project offering.

**JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**—The Senior and Junior SMM of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church had a tea in November for their mothers and the newly-formed Middler and Little Sisters. This was to acquaint them with SMM and show them how SMM can help them in knowing God's will for their lives. They are praying that God will richly bless.

**CONEMAUGH, PENNSYLVANIA**—The combined SMM group of girls are still growing and are enjoying especially the Bible Study. In November they had a progressive party with the aid of the ladies of the church. They are working hard on their goals, and the fellowship as a group has been encouraging.

**CHEYENNE, WYOMING**—The Middler and Senior girls of the First Brethren Church began their first meeting last year with a potluck dinner and election of officers. Later the girls went to Eventide Manor, an old folks home, where they passed out tracts and Sunday-school papers; then sang to the patients.

The Junior and Little Sisters groups have had the regular devotional meetings using the Packets,

and have received a great blessing from them. As a district project the Little Sisters have prepared pictures from Christmas cards to be sent to, and used by, the missionaries.

**DENVER, COLORADO** — The Middler SMM had a welcome party in September for the new girls joining the group. All seventeen girls enjoyed the games and refreshments.

The Junior girls, in order to fulfill Martha Goal 6, are planning to make their own matching skirts in green to wear with white blouses. The WMC ladies will be helping and by spring the whole group will be cheerily dressed in our SMM colors.

The Little Sisters took advantage of the Thanksgiving vacation and went on a field trip to a historical museum.

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**—The newly organized group of Little Sisters and the Junior girls combined have completed their goal to learn to embroider. Each girl embroidered a pot holder for her mother as a Christmas gift. Even the Little Sisters did a "swell" job.

**CONEMAUGH, PENNSYLVANIA** (Mundy's Corner) — The senior girls of the Pike Brethren Church are enjoying SMM very much this year. They especially like to make their beanies. They even

made candy for all their young people who are in college. They are planning a public program soon and ask us to pray for them.

The Lord has blessed the Junior girls with several new members. They especially like this year's theme, "Keep Looking Up," and are working hard to attain their goals. The girls have penny partners and are really faithful in bringing their money each month. They especially enjoyed their group project, making missionary prayer cards. These are brought to each meeting and exchanged with other girls. Their prayer is that they may be yielded vessels, clean and empty for Him to use.

**WOOSTER, OHIO** — This past year was busy for the Senior girls. They had a tea and program for their mothers, and they have been working hard making beanies and stuffed dolls for foreign children. They are now planning to have an all-day meeting to continue working on their project. This past spring the Junior SMM bought useful items to send to the Navajo work in New Mexico. Some of the items were combs, brushes, pins, and tablets. They also took a penny offering for Lou Ann Maycumber's Calvert Course. They are looking forward to another good year and praise the Lord for His goodness to them.



## From Your National Program Chairman


"Serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps. 100:2) expresses the attitude with which I have accepted the newly-formed office of National SMM Program Chairman. As the busy mother of four growing children, I don't lack for activity, but the Lord has placed this added challenge before me. With joy in my heart and "Looking to Jesus" for strength, I pray that my efforts will be a blessing to SMM girls and bring glory to His name.

—Mrs. Tom Inman



## DATELINE



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**LA MIRADA, CALIF.** Dr. John C. Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament at Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., will be one of the Bible conference speakers at the 28th Annual Torrey Memorial Bible Conference on Jan. 27 in the Biola Campus Auditorium.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Archie Lynn, ordained Brethren minister, supplied the pulpit of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church during December.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, Brethren pastor of our African church at Beta, Central African Republic, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Dec. 26. James Sweeton, pastor.

**GALION, OHIO.** Pastor Charles Thornton read a letter of resignation to the Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 18, which will become effective Feb. 17. Brother Thornton has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., and will assume his new duties there on Feb. 24.

**BARBERTON, OHIO.** Pastor Robert Wm. Markley, reports a record attendance of 124 at First Brethren Church for Sunday evening Christmas program on Dec. 23. Special prayer is requested for Lloyd Markley, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Markley, who is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and rheumatic fever.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** Two hundred ninety-five persons attended the Christmas program presented by the Grace Brethren Sunday school on Sunday night, Dec. 16. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

**LA VERNE, CALIF.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Paulson, of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anni-

versary on Dec. 23. Dr. Elias White, pastor.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Cashman, 16610 S. Muriel Avenue, Compton, Calif.

**ALBANY, OREG.** The attendance at the Christmas Pageant held at Grace Brethren Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 13, was 151. This is the record attendance of any activity held in the church. Nelson E. Hall, pastor.

**MODESTO, CALIF.** Pastor Alfred Dodds reports that more than 50 families attended the first Family Night held at Community Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 14. The Edward Millers, Brethren missionary family home from Brazil, were in attendance at the potluck smorgasbord. The film "The Guiding Star" provided a spiritual impact for the meeting.

**KITTANNING, PA.** The Men's Fellowship of the First Brethren Church sponsored a Father and Son banquet on Dec. 18. A special offering was received to help pay off the mortgage on the Fremont Brethren Chapel of Fremont, Ohio.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Ted Fairchild accepted the call of the First Brethren Church to begin duties as assistant to the pastor on Dec. 1. James Sweeton is pastor.

**ELKHART, IND.** Lloyd Woolman, instructor in physical education at Grace College, was guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 9.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Warren Tamkin, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was the dedication speaker at the Black Rock Independent Church on Nov. 25.

**DAVENPORT, IOWA.** A Christmas program entitled "The Heart of Christmas" was held at Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 23. Pastor Carl Key reports 77 people were in attendance.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** Wallace Geiger, a graduate of Grace Seminary and missionary to France under TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Dec. 30, 1962. Wesley Haller is pastor.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Frank Gardner, Camden, Ohio  
Jesse Hall, Spokane, Wash.  
Richard Jackson, Jr., Dayton, Ohio  
Lester Kennedy, Limestone, Tenn.  
Clyde K. Landrum, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Theodore Malaimare, Gardena, Calif.

**UNIONTOWN, PA.** Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, assistant general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, was the special speaker at the First Brethren Church on Jan. 6. Brother Landrum gave a report on his recent visit to the Brethren mission fields in Argentina, Brazil, and Puerto Rico. True Hunt is pastor.

**WINCHESTER, VA.** An attendance of 407 at the First Brethren Sunday school on Dec. 23, 1962, broke all previous records. This is the first time in the history of the church for the Sunday school to exceed the 400 mark. Paul E. Dick, pastor.

## WEDDING BELLS

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Linda Lovegrove and Timothy Brooks, Dec. 22, at the Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

## ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**KYLER, Thomas A.,** went to be with the Lord on Dec. 12. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa. He was a deacon and treasurer of the church from its beginning. The memorial service was held by the pastor, assisted by Rev. U. L. Gingrich.

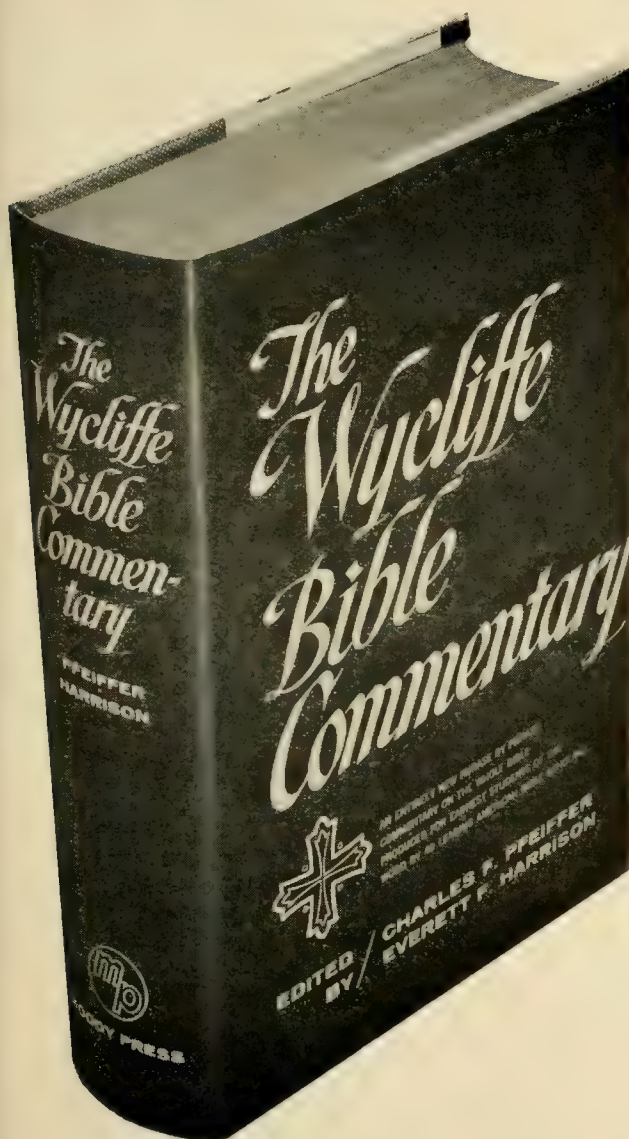
Herman Koontz, pastor.

**DUDGEON, Truman Douglas,** went to be with his Lord on Dec. 23. He was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church of Berne, Ind. Services were conducted by the pastor.

Kenneth E. Russell, pastor.

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# PAST TENSE FAITH



No one can read the Apostle Paul's great Epistle to the Romans without being conscious of his basic theme—justification by faith. Here Paul assures us that sinners are justified from their sins on the basis of God's grace by faith alone in Jesus Christ. He writes in Romans 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Again in 5:1 he writes: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." But the Apostle anticipating that some would pervert this truth and seek to remain in sin and thus rationalize their conduct on the basis of their justification by faith without works issues a stern warning in chapters 6 and 8 in order to correct such a fallacious concept of grace and justification by faith.

Again and again he enunciates the principle that *justifying faith produces faithfulness*. He writes: "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? . . . our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. . . . Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body . . . Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? . . . But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness" (Rom. 6:1-2, 6, 12, 16, 22).

Hence, justifying faith, according to Paul and the other apostles, results in faithfulness. The kind of faith that will justify one from sin is the kind of faith that keeps one from sinning: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (I John 3:9). Justification by faith, the New Testament contends, is incompatible with living in sin. Saving faith produces in the soul a new spiritual life that produces on the one hand an acute awareness and abhorrence of sin, and on the other, a life of righteousness and faithful obedience to Christ. The Pauline and the New Testament concept of justification is that no one can have a faith in Christ that will justify him from the penalty of sin,

and that person be unfaithful to Christ and go on living in sin. Saving faith produces faithfulness to God and His Word.

This was the Hebrew concept of faith; that is, faith meant *faithfulness* to God and His commandments. This can be very graphically demonstrated by the fact that the Jews had no word for "faith." That is to say, the term does not occur in the Old Testament (although it does appear in the English translations). Does this mean that the Hebrews of the old dispensation did not need faith in order to be saved? On the contrary, Paul clearly states in the fourth chapter of Romans that Abraham was justified by faith without works. Yet the Hebrew language had no term for faith. Do you know what word the Hebrew used to express our concept of faith? His word was "faithfulness." Faith is an abstract word that needs to be explained or interpreted in order to be properly understood, since there are many kinds of "faith." Hence, the term which expressed the Old Testament saint's belief and trust in God was "faithfulness." This term describes for you what one does who has faith—he is faithful! This word expressed what characterized the life of the person who said: "I believe in God."

This truth is evidenced by the fact that Paul who writes in Romans 1:17 "... as it is written, The just shall live by faith," is here quoting from the Old Testament Prophet Habakkuk who said literally in the Hebrew: "... the just shall live by his *faithfulness*" (Hab. 2:4). Thus to the Hebrew the righteous man was a faithful man; the just or justified man was a faithful man. The significance of this for today is to be seen in the fact that many, many people are claiming to be justified by *faith* in Christ but are not being *faithful* to Christ! You see little, if any, difference in their lives from that of the world. Theirs is a life characterized by pride, worldliness, self-interest, secularism, and materialism. There is no deep-seated desire for, nor joy in, spiritual things pertaining to Christ and His Word.

On every hand there are those who are loudly proclaiming their faith for all to hear, but who are

proving themselves "faithless" by what they do. This is quite obviously what Christ meant when He warned such "professors" of faith: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven [the emphasis is upon mere lip profession]; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven [the emphasis being upon faithfulness in doing God's will]" (Matt. 7: 21). This same emphasis is seen also in Luke 6:46: "And why *call* ye me, Lord, Lord, and *do not* the things which I say?" Therefore Christ declares that we are not what we *say* we are (not even to Him!), but we are what we *do*. Only that person who is faithful to Christ can sincerely call Christ Lord, for only the faithful



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make Christ the Lord of their lives by doing His will. The mere lip professors Christ will one day rebuke with the fearful words of eternal rejection: "I never knew you: depart from me" (Matt. 7:23). One's mere profession of faith—even the acknowledgment of Christ as Lord—cannot save if such a profession is divorced from faithfulness! Genuine saving faith produces faithfulness in *all* things. Saving faith, justifying faith, never allows us the prerogative of picking and choosing how much or which part of God's Word we will obey. It demands absolute obedience to the whole Word as God grants us the light to understand His will.

Such faithfulness can only result from genuine saving faith. The appalling lack of sincere faithfulness in much of contemporary Christianity results from the fact that many have embraced substitutes for Biblical faith. Some possess merely an "intellectual" faith in which they, quite

often sincerely, but vainly, have simply given intellectual assent to the facts of the Scriptures. They say that they believe the Bible and in Christ, but their lives are spiritually fruitless and barren. James dismisses this self-deception with the reproof: "... faith, if it hath not works, is dead" (2:17); "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (1:22, cf. 2:18).

Unless there is an inner motivation which comes from a new spiritual life within, the life of faithful obedience will never result. Another substitute for genuine faith is "emotional" faith. This is a shallow, temporary faith possessed by those, who upon being impressed by a sermon, had their conscience moved to the extent that they got a good case of *external* religion. They went through some measure of outward reformation but in time of trial and testing, and when the way grows difficult, they prove to be like the man described by Jesus in the Parable of the Sower: "Yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumblcth" (Matt. 13:21 ASV).

However, the most prevalent and deceitful kind of faith being embraced by multitudes today is a *past tense* faith. Past tense faith is to have faith merely in your past profession of faith. It is a faith divorced from faithfulness in the present. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him" (Titus 1:16). This type individual has never come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Like so many, he has merely made a "decision" by giving a nodding affirmation to the claims of Christ, has been baptized and joined the church where he proceeds to settle back and *retire from active, fruitful Christianity*. In past tense faith, salvation is interpreted as an impersonal thing that is somehow brought about by the mere act of making a decision and submitting to the rite of baptism, and so forth.

Hence one's faith is in these *past* acts; that is, faith in what one *did* as if there is nothing else to Christianity. But saving faith is not merely resting in what you did in the past, but also in what you are faithfully



doing day by day as a result of what you did. Did Abraham prove he had saving faith merely because he *said*, "I believe in God," or because he *demonstrated* his faith by his faithful obedience? "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father." Simply to trust in what you did some years ago, or even yesterday, is not the kind of faith of which the Scriptures speak, but is merely to have faith in your past profession of faith. But genuine, justifying faith is a personal, eternal, day by day relationship of faithful obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ—it is a *present tense* faith.

Having faith simply in your past profession of faith is like the man who tries to prove that he was married ten years ago by showing you his marriage certificate. But does this paper prove that he is genuinely married? Of course not. The most that this can prove is that he went through the ceremony ten years ago. He is trusting in something he *did* in the past. But you do not prove you are genuinely married because you can show that you went through the ceremony; you prove that you are married by demonstrating this fact in a day by day loving relationship with your wife or husband. You demonstrate this by living happily together, loving, serving, and honoring one another. You may have a marriage certificate and live as if you were not married—*married in name only!* Many who claim to be married to Christ are married in name only.

One can easily determine whether or not he is truly joined to Christ in spiritual wedlock. Are you living happily together? Is your marriage a real joy or do you find, as so many do, that genuine Christianity is a burden? Do you *hunger* and *thirst* after righteousness, or is worship, prayer, Bible study, and cultivation of the spiritual life something to be endured? Do you, as the bride, find within your heart the earnest desire to love, honor, and obey Christ in *all* things? Or did you, as so often is the case with the bride in our day, have the word *obey* stricken from the marriage ceremony?

And too, how many spiritual chil-

dren has your marriage produced? Paul said of the Corinthians that he was their "father": "... for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (I Cor. 4:15). He called Onesimus his "son" begotten while in prison (Philem. 10). Is your marriage to Christ like that of the man who tried to prove he was married by simply pointing back to an event that had happened in the past, rather than demonstrating this in a day by day personal, loving, faithful relationship? The most that one can prove by pointing to the past is that he went through the ceremony—but this proves nothing about his *present* or *eternal relationship* to Christ. This must be *demonstrated* in one's daily walk!

Sadly, in this age of easy Christianity, easy discipleship, and easy church membership, we find that there is a kind of watered-down faith being presented in much of the evangelism of today that allows you to take your eyes off Jesus as the sole object of faith and encourages you to put your eyes on *yourself* and a "decision" which you are asked to

make. Multitudes are trusting, not in Jesus, but in *their own past acts*. This is proved in that they have never known nor shown a single week of fully dedicated, uncompromising obedience and faithfulness to Christ. This is the kind of faith that allows you to go through the marriage ceremony, but never really requires that you take the marriage vows of love, honor, trust, and obedience. But saving faith is not just going through the ceremony, nor is marriage to Christ a cheap marriage of convenience just to get sinners saved for heaven; but on the contrary, it is a solemn, holy, spiritual, and eternal union which always results in faithful obedience to Christ in *this life—here and now!* Saving faith is not just something you did—a past tense Christianity—saving faith is something you demonstrate here and now—it is *a life of faithfulness*. This is precisely what God had declared through His Prophet Habakkuk whom the Apostle Paul quotes: "... the just shall live in HIS FAITHFULNESS."

This sermon preached in Winona Lake Brethren Church, October 21, 1962. Reprinted by request.

## Suppose . . .

Last week the treasurer of our Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits upon Board approval, mailed a check from the emergency fund for two hundred dollars.

The recipient is one of our older elders who because of his infirmity is no longer able to earn a living for himself or his invalid wife. This elder is not eligible for retirement benefits.

When we learned of his plight, his only means of income was from public assistance, a married daughter, and a few things he was trying to sell. This man has served The Brethren Church as a pastor for more than thirty years and is now at the mercy of the public welfare agencies.

As yet, we do not have an "Old Folks Home," and it may be some years before one is available. Presently we, as a denomination have no other organization but our National Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits to meet needs like this.

Less than half of our churches are supporting this program by sending in just 3 percent of their pastor's annual salary.

SUPPOSE this case history was yours?

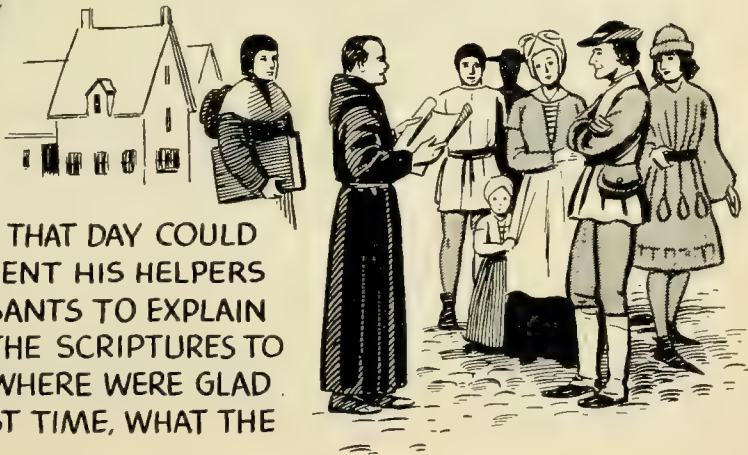
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Compiled by Dave  
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Youth Director

# Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK THEME: "ON CALL"

**WHO?** Every young person.

**WHAT?** One full week of youth emphasis.

**WHEN?** January 27 through February 3.

**WHERE?** At your local Brethren church.

**WHY?** To win young people to Christ, and to stir enthusiasm for the 1963 youth program in your church.

The world is growing more heathen at the rate of millions annually, more are being born by physical generation than by spiritual regeneration each year, and at least half of the world's population remains unreached. Meanwhile the Gospel remains in complacent America when 90 percent of the world desperately needs it. We, the Brethren Church, have one more opportunity to challenge our young people to give the Gospel through the printed page and to be faithful missionaries.

We have chosen the National Youth Week theme of "On Call" for our theme for 1963. Because there are some 25 million young people and children in the United States who are not being reached by any church of any religious faith, Brethren youth are "ON CALL!" Because there are over a thousand tribes without a missionary, and 1700 languages without a single word of Scripture, Brethren youth are "ON CALL!"

May God help each of us to do our part in making our National Youth Week in The Brethren Church one of the most effective weeks in the history of our church. May we lead young people to dedicate their time and talents and life to our precious Lord and Saviour.

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# EDITORIALS

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By Lester E. Pifer

## America's Condition

Millions of dollars and man hours are being thrust into our Nation's scientific research development program. 1963 is figured as a key year in placing ourselves in the lead in technical skill and productivity.

Educationally, new schools will be built, additional classroom space added, and new enrollment records will be made and shattered. Educators are frantically seeking new methods of teaching, more mechanized equipment to cope with the demands of a multitude of seeking students, the greatest in America's history.

Economically, the greatest year in business is being forecast, millions of products, attractively packaged, will be advertised and sold to a thirsty, materialistic-minded people.

Politically, a new congress begins its term of government. However, it is generally known that the stage is set for sharp disagreement along party lines as a forerunner of the 1964 national elections.

Materially, the American people will have more goods, possessions, and dollars than any previous year in history.

Socially, the broadmindedness regarding moral standards will be expanded as trends indicate in recent years. Terror in the streets will reign as crime figures rise. Lawlessness will continue at an increasing rate as our people rush to "defend" the criminal, rather than uphold the law and order. Pornographic literature will appear in greater tonage, more variety and in bolder places. The glorification of sex, lewdness, social maladjustments, lawlessness, disrespect for decency, and moral rightness will leave its undeniable effect upon a society in all communication channels.

Numerically, our Nation will add another 4.5 plus million residents with its accompanying marriages and the establishment of new homes.

Spiritually, the effects of modernism, neo-orthodoxy, ecumenism, and Romanism will make the road of the evangelicals more difficult. Sharp lines on separation will become more shaded. Apostasy of doctrine and life is certain to wax worse and worse. The effectiveness of strong testimonies for Christ can expect vicious attacks of Satan during this year.

## Our Challenge

Our Nation's progress in scientific realms will definitely help in the dissemination of the Gospel. In the communication realms alone, it is conceivable that a program centered in the gospel message could originate in the United States and simultaneously be broadcast through a network of orbiting satellites to the entire world. Honestly observed scientific research in all realms continue to unlock the secrets of the glorious Creator. New products, means of transportation, and communication will greatly enhance the propagation of the divinely stated church's purpose.

Presuming that the forecasts in business economics are correct, we ought to see the greatest strides in giving to the local church and missions.

The forward surge in modern education will bring to light new teaching methods, new planning materials, a higher educated mass to aid in our Biblical educational process. The dangers of the modern educational system, the public scrutiny of the end product of public education may amplify even more the needs for Christian education and Christian schools.

Politically, recent years have stated a trend in the direction of socialism. Some foreign governments are amazed at the rapidity with which America is turning to this philosophy. Surely, the Bible student is able to see the stage being set for the return of our blessed Lord. His coming is much nearer than we allow ourselves to believe.

The materialism and social problems of our Nation further endorse the need for the positive presentation of Christ and all the principles of His wonderful Word. 1963 can be the finest hour of opportunity to preach Christ, to win souls, to educate our people with the pure Christian truth. Never before has the population explosion, urban development, and shifts in population centers created a more lucrative field for church expansion and extension, and been so in our favor. The overwhelming clouds of darkness of sin, crime, moral breakdown, lawlessness, and spiritual indifference have opened the door for the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

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## COVER PHOTO—HOME MISSION ISSUE



Two views of the Grace Brethren Church, San Diego, California, now self-supporting.

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# San Diego Now Self-Supporting

By L. L. Grubb

One of the Southwest's rapidly growing cities is San Diego, California. The Brethren home-mission church is located in a beautiful new area in the northwest section of the city called Kearney Mesa. Here hundreds of new homes have been constructed and many more are under way. The field for evangelization is great.

So abundant has been God's blessing on our San Diego church that it is ready to assume all financial responsibility for its operation. This involves all current expenses, as well as all responsibility for building indebtedness.

Reverend Henry Dalke—the pastor—and his people take this step of faith not only for their own blessing in



obeying God's Word, but also as a missionary act to release home-mission funds for use in other needy fields.

This means that Brethren people by praying and giving in behalf of Brethren Home Missions have produced another full-grown Brethren church which will support the total work of our Fellowship.

The Brethren Home Missions Council heartily congratulates both pastor and people in this decision.

## LEGEND

Above top down: Pre-school, primary, and junior departments of the San Diego Sunday school. Left top down: Junior high, senior high, and adult departments.



# San Diego Makes Important Decisions



Henry Dalke

The Grace Brethren Church of San Diego, California, made its first very important decision about five years ago when they decided to relocate the church by moving it to the Kearny Mesa area. We are now located in the midst of an expanding and growing area. The new Mesa College is being located just six blocks west of the church. Construction has already begun. We already have two elementary schools, and one high school within a half mile of the church. Thereby you may readily see that there are many children and young people in the immediate area. We have a tremendous mission field in which to serve and reap the harvest for the Master.

The second important decision

*By Pastor Henry Dalke*

was a real step of faith, which was to become self-supporting the first of 1963. When one looks at things from the human side, it looks impossible. However, God has not asked us to walk by sight, but by faith. That is why we are looking to Him, and we believe that God will show us great and mighty things that we know not of. Please pray that He will make this step a great blessing to us all as we walk with Him. As we see His hand working through us may we be led to greater rejoicing in Christ our living Lord. Brethren, pray for us!

In the past two years we have visited the 1,500 homes with invitations and promotional pieces eight times. Plans are now being laid to knock on every door and present them with a gospel tract and a brochure of the church to inform them of the services of the church and the hours of services.

God has blessed us with a bus service. We have from thirty to forty-five coming on the bus each Sunday. One couple of the church goes out on visitation almost every Saturday morning, and especially goes to the newly-occupied homes in the area to enlist new ones to come on the bus. These fine folks are in charge of our junior church. They lead many of these children to salvation through Christ our Lord. The messages are always presented with the best in visual aids.

We are happy to say that our Sunday-school staff is the best that we have ever had in the past two years since our arrival on the field. Every department is being led by consecrated, capable leadership. We believe that the Lord will bless abundantly in the coming year.



## Westminster Brethren Turn First Shovel

The Grace Brethren Church of Westminster, California, turned the first shovel of dirt in their proposed new building program on December 30, 1962. It was necessary that this service be held to meet an ultimatum from the city to begin construction by January 1, 1963.

The Brethren Minute-Men have been a great encouragement to the Westminster Brethren. Their response was the greatest of all minute-man letters to date with one exception and that was for starting the Navajo work. The Westminster Brethren desire to thank everyone of the minute-men for standing by and helping them in the time of their great need.

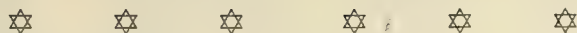
This service was truly in answer to prayer.

### LEON ALONE IN '63

The Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, is now self-supporting! It will be caring for all of its financial responsibility alone in 1963 without the help of The Brethren Home Missions Council. Rev. Glen Welborn is the pastor.



# ISRAEL CALLS!



PHONE 651-0228 AND LISTEN FOR ONE MINUTE!

BY BRUCE BUTTON

If you were a Jewish resident in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles you would find at your doorstep each Wednesday morning a copy of "The Reporter," a weekly throw-away newspaper. You would be sure to read this newspaper, for its publisher, a Jewish man, makes certain it carries news of interest to the Jewish community. Another attraction is the advertisements, which emphasize those products and services that appeal to Jewish people. "The Reporter" is an interesting paper, so you read it!

Now on the third Wednesday of each month you will find, as you leaf through your copy, a 2 x 4 inch ad which reads:

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SICK? SAD? AFRAID?

DISCOURAGED?

PHONE 651-0228

ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT AND  
LISTEN FOR ONE MINUTE!

If you are like the average Jewish person you will go to your telephone and dial that number. Perhaps you do this from curiosity, or perhaps one of the words in this small ad has touched the seat of your trouble and you call in the hope of finding a panacea. Today you will hear the following words:

*Hello there! So glad you called! Well, this is the last day of Hannakuh and it is also the beginning of the Sabbath. Tonight we light the eight candles of Hannakuh and also the two Sabbath candles. Thus there will be more light than there would normally be. Wherever there is physical light darkness has to flee. When there is sufficient light darkness is not evident. Spiritual light works on the same principle. Most men are in spiritual darkness because they refuse to submit themselves to the light of God's Word, the Bible. Or when they do read His Word, they reject the Light where it hampers their activity. Is this the way you regard*

*God's Word when it speaks of the Messiah Jesus? Do you have a copy of God's Word, the New Testament? Would you like a copy? Well, if you are a person of Jewish extraction, I have a gift copy for you. To receive yours call Pastor Button at 651-0643, or write to him at 469 North Kings Road. God bless you good, and Shalome!*

Should you be so led of the Lord today, you will request your gift copy of the New Testament and the Brethren Messianic Testimony will have one more Jewish contact which may result in your accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, Messiah, and God.

Day in, day out, Jewish people dial 651-0228 and each time the phone rings the answering service takes over and our electronic servant gives out a gospel message lasting for sixty seconds, which I recorded the previous evening. Time after time, as this phone rings, I try to imagine the person and their attitude as they listen to the message. Oh, some of them respond by calling us personally, so we know their attitude. But it is those who do not contact us personally which causes us to speculate. Does the recorded message meet a real need, or is it a waste of time and money? This is the big question. We know there are those who find these messages to be a real blessing, for they call, and while they refuse to give their names, they thank us for the help these messages are to them. Then, every once in a while there will be one like Mrs. G—. Time and again she listens to the message and then, finally, she contacts the mission—well, let me tell you about it.

Mrs. G— lives in the 500 block of North Kings Road, less than a block from the mission. A check of the information card on her home reveals the following:

This home has been contacted since May 1953.

Nineteen calls have been made at this home.

Twelve times she has answered the door and received spoken testimony.

Nineteen different copies of the Mediator have been left at the home.

Twenty-six different gospel tracts have also been left.

An offer of the New Testament has been refused.

And a notation on the card from the first visit states "very talkative!" I remember contacting this home twice, for the "talkative" notation is mine. Each time I was hard pressed to insert even a few words of testimony as Mrs. G— would pause to catch her breath. But she was a very loquacious person when she wanted to say something, and at no time did she appear to listen as I attempted to point her to the blessings of the Messiah.

On December 27 as Mrs. Button and I were eating lunch, the phone rang. It was Mrs. G—. She had just finished listening to the recording, and she wanted to find out more about the offer of the New Testament as a gift. She gave her name and address and asked that we send her a copy. We promised to do so. As the conversation continued mention was made of our Bible class. Mrs. G— was interested. Could she come? We told her she would be most welcome. She said she had been in many churches and synagogues but had never found the answer to her need. There was always something lacking. What did I believe to be the most important thing in the world today? I told her peace of mind, heart, and soul was most important, and this was directly dependent upon peace with God and the peace of God. These were matters discussed in our Bible class each week, and a person should give them consideration if they were really interested in a happy life. Mrs. G— said she would come to our Bible class. "I know I talk too much" she said. "I'm glad I called your recording number. You can't talk to a recording, so I had to listen. I'll come down and listen to you in

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# Behind the Headlines of

By Frank J. Poland

# 1963

You will be looking for headlines like "Self-supporting," "New Church Dedicated," "Ground Breaking," "New Bible Class," and other important news of blessings in Brethren Home Missions. We are thankful to God that you can read about many of these in this first issue of 1963, but possibly it would be of interest to look behind these headlines.

Behind every headline a board of fourteen men (seven laymen and seven pastors) was called upon to make many decisions. These men in turn had to call upon God to determine His will in every one of these decisions. You the members of The Brethren Home Missions Council Corporation elected these men to serve on this board, thus you immediately see your responsibility.

These directors were called upon for decisions because some faithful group of Brethren people had a burden for the lost of their community and needed help for establishing a fundamental testimony. Possibly the District Mission Board helped this group to the limit of their ability, and then The Brethren Home Missions Council was asked to assist at this point.

The help that The Brethren Home Missions Council directors could approve for a request from a new group again depends on the funds made available from the Brethren people and friends of Brethren Home Missions, and the available funds depend upon how much you prayed. So here is the importance of prayer by you, for it ultimately determines to a cer-

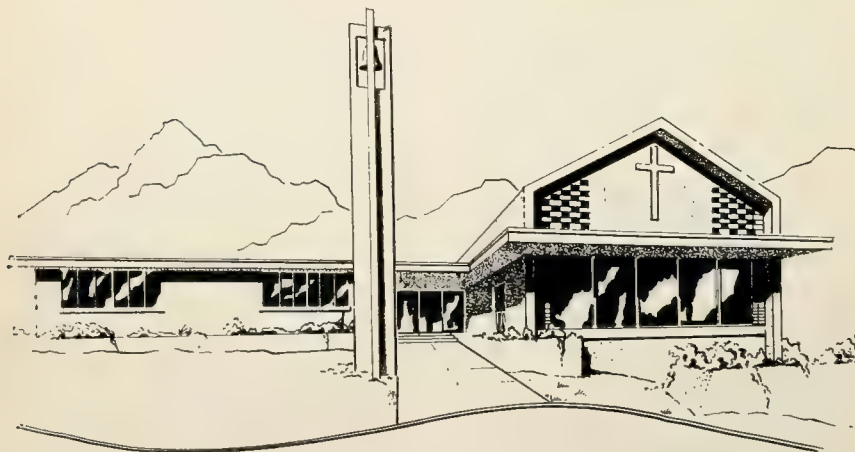
tain degree the decision of the board of directors.

Behind every *home-missions headline* will be a dedicated missionary and a dedicated staff of workers, but without you these would not even be possible. Have you really ever thought of your importance in the home-mission program? Without you there would be no Brethren Home Missions Council, no board of directors, no staff, no home missionaries, and no home-mission churches.

We are not underestimating the power of God or the importance of you behind every *home-mission headline* in this issue or the eleven months to follow in 1963.

Do you realize your importance and responsibility in the work of Brethren Home Missions?

## Tucson, Arizona Will Dedicate New Church



Architect's sketch of Tucson church

The plans are complete for dedication of the new Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, January 20, 1963. Rev. Richard P. DeArmey will be coming in from Inglewood, California, to be the dedication speaker. Next month you will see the sketch converted to a real building and a complete story of the dedication service. This is the first new church dedicated in 1963.

## ISRAEL CALLS

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the class. Don't forget the New Testament." And with that she said goodbye.

The answering service does meet a need. It reaches those we cannot reach in any other way. Time and again the phone rings each day. We know some Jewish person is hearing of the Messiah for the first time and as they continue to call, we will eventually have the opportunity to tell them of the gracious Lord.

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## EDITORIALS . . .

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The ecumenical movement, the growing power and popularity of Romanism, and breakdown in the spiritual standards and purpose in many religious bodies have brought our Brethren Fellowship to the front as a church, which stands unwaveringly for the Bible.

In Brethren Home Missions we stand ready to accept and buy up this opportunity in America. We want to turn the power, progress, and plight of our Nation into the finest year of service in the basic home-mission purpose. Our missionaries and staff have pledged themselves to pray for, and plan toward, the reaching of more than 350 families for Christ in this year. We anticipate a larger number of self-supporting churches than in any previous year.

Is the work of Christ in our hearts through the movement and direction of the Holy Spirit sufficient to inspire us to lay at the foot of the cross the unholy spirit of envy, pride, prejudice, criticism to further the cause of our Saviour? Can we dedicate our talents, our facilities, our means, our aims to the expansion of the gospel influence, the reach for more lost souls, the strengthening of those won in the faith? Will a vow to pray daily for every missionary at home and abroad, a determined effort to increase missionary giving, sufficient to meet budgets and erase deficits, a pledge to encourage new recruits for missionary and pastoral service be out of order in 1963?

## Home Mission Field Reports

**CUBA, N. MEX.** (James McClellan, supt.). On Sunday, December 9, 1962, the Navajo mission staff increased by one when a new baby girl was born in the Larry Wedertz family. The new girl evens the count with two girls and two boys.

**GOSHEN, IND.** (R. Paul Miller, pastor). We praise God for having almost reached our goal of ten families during the fiscal year. We have every confidence that God will give us many more.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** (Special). The board of directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council will be meeting here in the home office, February 11-16, and they will appreciate the prayers of our Brethren people that His will might be ascertained in the work of Brethren Home Missions.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** (Sam I. Horney, supt.). The high school youth group went caroling after the Sunday evening service on December 23, 1962, visiting the hospital, old folks home, motels, and homes of sick in the Taos area. The group was composed of over fifty young people.

**SAN DIEGO, CALIF.** (Henry Dalke, pastor). There was a splendid response to the idea of bringing a gift to Jesus on His birthday. Last Sunday night when the gift was brought it amounted to \$93. The gift will be divided between foreign and district missions.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** (Glen Crabb, pastor). Yes; our Sunday-school attendance is going up! Last Sunday (Dec. 23) for our Christmas program we set a new attendance record of 159. A daily pre-kindergarten school will start on Monday, January 21, 1963, for ages four and five, and will continue daily Monday through Friday at the Grace Brethren Church building.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.** (Robert Salazar, pastor). Five people were recently baptized and

added to the church. At the present we cannot seat the Sunday morning congregation in our facilities . . . we must expand. We are planning to start work on our addition early this spring.

**MARGATE, FLA.** (Dean Risser, pastor). A young mother from Broadview recently accepted Christ and a young man from Pompano was saved three weeks ago (Dec. 16). Right now we are waiting for a contract on the purchase of about two acres in Margate.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** (Minute-Man Special). Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Durkee and family of Vandalia, Ohio, spent New Year's day preparing the Vandalia minute-man letter for mailing. You should have received your letter by this time and it is on behalf of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church of which Brother Durkee is pastor. Please return your postage paid envelope at once and help these Brethren get their new building program under way.

**WINCHESTER, VA.** (Paul Dick, pastor and home-mission director). Our home-mission offering for this year is the largest amount ever given in any single offering to missions since the beginning of the First Brethren Church.

**LEON, IOWA.** (Glen Welborn, pastor). We had 132 present for the Christmas program Sunday evening December 23, and special offering was taken for our two missionaries, Miss Angie Garber to the Navajos and Miss Rosella Cochran in Africa.

**CUBA, N. MEX.** (James McClellan, missionary). *The new 1963 Navajo Mission calendars have been sent to your church, and the entire staff would like to urge the prayerful use of these during the year. Our thanks to you who have been regularly returning your envelope month by month.*



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## Gardena Growing

The Grace Brethren Church of Gardena, California, has been meeting in their present location for more than one year, and the average attendance has climbed to an average about the one hundred figure. With the growing attendances, the capacity of the little chapel is rapidly being utilized. It is the future plan to build on the present location, which in addition to the chapel has a warehouse on it.

The Gardena church was started by the California district in cooperation with The Brethren Home Missions Council, and the district has been helping in the support of the work. Theodore Malaimare is the first full-time pastor, and again the Brethren Minute-Men helped to make this possible.

### LEGEND

Left above: The Grace Brethren of Gardena meeting place.  
Left below: Mr. Lyle Marvin, Jr., assistant Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. Josephine Nishida, assistant Sunday-school secretary; Mrs. Cathy Garcia, Sunday-school secretary; and Mr. James Margolin, Sunday school superintendent.







SHOWN ABOVE ARE THE SIX DEPARTMENTS of the Grace Brethren Sunday school, Gardena, California. From the top down on the left: Doris Gordon, cradle roll; Mrs. Marge Carroll, primary one; Betty Leidner, primary three; Mrs. James Margolin and Mr. Ciro Garcia, juniors; and Eldon Stearns, high school.

Top down right: Mrs. Ida Isley, beginners; Mrs. Theodore Malaimare, primary two; Barbara Griggs, junior; Mr. Larry Auffort, junior high; and Bruce L. Button, adult.



## DATELINE



MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**ATTENTION:** All church financial secretaries are reminded to send in the list of Publication donors to the Missionary Herald office by Feb. 28, 1963. Those who have contributed \$5 or more have voting privileges in the annual corporation meeting. All monies for Publication must be received in our office by Jan. 31, 1963 to be credited for the 1962 financial year.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** David Hocking, National Brethren Youth director, was guest speaker at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church on Sunday, Dec. 23.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Lester E. Cook, 3123 Sheridan Way, Stockton, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Mark Malles, 3310 S. Webster St., Fort Wayne, Ind. Rev. William Ernest, R.R. 2, 56542 Island Ave., Osceola, Ind. (Tel. Orchard 4-8046).

**RIALTO, CALIF.** Arnold Kriegbaum, director of public relations at Grace Seminary and College, Winoona Lake, Ind., was the guest speaker at the Rialto Brethren Church on Jan. 16. Gerald Polman, pastor.

**KETTERING, OHIO.** Pastor H. T. Barnhart reports a record-breaking Christmas offering of \$1,842 was received at Calvary Brethren Church on Dec. 23.

**NOTICE:** The itineration schedule for Rev. R. I. Humbert, Brethren Bible Conference speaker, Flora, Ind., is First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 20-23; First Brethren Church, Grandview, Wash., Jan. 27-29; Grace Brethren Church, Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 13; Grace Brethren Church, San Jose, Calif., Feb. 17; Rialto Brethren Church, Rialto, Calif., Feb. 21-24; and First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif., Mar. 2-10.

**HARRAH, WASH.** The Youth for Christ *Teen Team to Germany*, which recently returned from a six-week gospel ministry in the divided city of Berlin, presented a special service at the Harrah Brethren Church on Dec. 16. Roger Peugh, a Grace College sophomore and member of the Harrah church, traveled with the team and participated in the church service. W. Carl Miller is pastor.

**AKRON, OHIO.** Mrs. Harris, wife of Pastor Vernon Harris of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, fell while ice skating and broke her left wrist. She is reported to be recovering without complications.

**CONEMAUGH, PA.** Pastor Don K. Rager reports that Simon Pierre Nambazouina, a Brethren African pastor, was guest speaker at the Cone-maugh Brethren Church on New Year's eve, which proved to be a great stimulation for mission giving. Brother Rager also reports that Nambazouina is a *good* preacher with an amazing understanding of the Scriptures, and makes excellent spiritual application of every-day illustrations.

**SELLERSBURG, IND.** Glenn R. Coats of Leesburg, Ind., was welcomed as the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here on Thanksgiving day. Pastor Coats announces that plans are underway for this church to become a part of the Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches. On Jan. 1 the threefold communion service was observed.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** Wesley Hal-ler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio, spoke to the laymen of the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 10. Thomas Ham-mers, pastor.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** Pastor

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Norman Nelson, Philippines  
W. A. Ogden, Washington, D. C.  
Alan Pearce, Long Beach, Calif.  
Adam Rager, Artesia, Calif.  
Robert Salazar, Albuquerque, N. Mex.  
Charles Taber, Hartford, Conn.

Mark Malles reports an explosion occurred inside the oil furnace in the old First Brethren Church building sometime during the night of Jan. 6, which blew off the church's smokestack. The furnace continued to operate during the night hours with the oily smoke billowing through the church rather than escaping out the chimney. Smoke damage to the church was roughly estimated to be about \$1,500. The building was insured. Church services during the next ten days were scheduled to be held in the new addition to the church, which was not damaged.

**NOTICE:** The schedule of meetings for the Brethren Financial Planning Services by the Leo Polmans are: Washington, D. C., Jan. 20-23; York, Pa., Jan. 27-30; Waynesboro, Pa., Feb. 3-10; Uniontown, Pa., Feb. 17-20; Mansfield, Ohio, Mar. 3-6; and Akron (Ellet) Akron, Ohio, Mar. 10-17.

**ROANOKE, VA.** The Southeast Fellowship Ministerium officially installed Wendell E. Kent as pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church in a special service on Jan. 3. Mason Cooper, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Covington, Va., was the speaker. Other Brethren ministers assisting in the service were William Byers, Kenneth Teague, K. E. Richardson, and Carlton Fuller.

### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

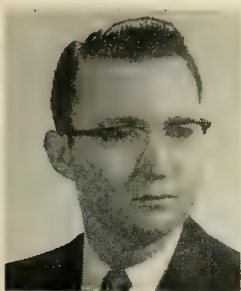
Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Wooster, Ohio . .	Jan. 22-Feb. 3 . .	Kenneth Ashman .	John Aeby
Toppenish, Wash. .	Jan. 23-Feb. 3 . .	Donald Farnar . .	Bob Collitt
Yakima, Wash. . .	Feb. 6-17 . . . . .	Howard Mayes . .	Bob Collitt
Dayton, Ohio . . .	Feb. 10-17 . . . . .	Forrest Jackson . .	Bill Smith
Seattle, Wash. . .	Feb. 17-24 . . . . .	Phillip Simmons .	Bob Collitt

# LIGHT

## From the

# NEW TESTAMENT

## PERIOD



By Rev. James Sweeton

Pastor, First Brethren Church  
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Christian baptism, which is taken strictly as that issuing from the command of Jesus Christ in the Great Commission, was preceded by the baptism of John the Baptist. While some have attempted to fix the exact mode of John's baptism, it would appear to be impossible to do so, beyond the clear implication that it was by immersion in water. When called upon to explain his actions, "why baptizeth thou?" (John 1:25), John's response was paradoxical: on one hand, there is an unmistakable claim to special authority, "He that sent me to baptize" (John 1:33). On the other hand there is a note of deference: "I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you . . . who . . . is preferred before me" (John 1:26-27). This baptism of John is important, not only because it precedes Christian baptism, but also because of its contrast with Christian baptism in the understanding of the early Christians, which we will consider later (Acts 19:1-5).

The early baptism on the part of Jesus' disciples, which He evidently sanctioned, but which is mentioned on only one occasion (John 4:1-3), I

take to be part of the general movement of preparation instituted by John the Baptist, and not to be confounded with Christian baptism (Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*). My view is that it was essentially the baptism-unto-repentance of John the Baptist, administered by the disciples of Jesus with His approval as a testimony to the movement and ministry of John (Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*).

Christian baptism by trine immersion was instituted by our Lord between His resurrection and His ascension in the so-called Great Commission. There is general agreement that, if a fixed baptismal formula is to be found at all, it is the formula in the Great Commission, specifically the formula as we have it in the Gospel of Matthew (Matt. 28:19). This text has been dissected and discussed by grammarians for centuries, and the reader will be well aware of the arguments and viewpoints with respect to both exegesis and interpretation. It is not my purpose—within the limits of this paper—to rehearse this material. I simply wish to attempt to bring the issues into focus.

That the *doctrine* of the ordinance of Christian baptism is trinitarian, none but a few heretics have ever denied; that the *form* of the ordinance is trinitarian, many have denied. But in the nature of the case, *the form of the ordinance must correspond to the doctrine of the ordinance*. It is the function of *symbol* to picture truth; it is the nature of *liturgy* to faithfully represent *dogma*. If this is not the case, then the liturgy, or form, or symbol does not perform its only function, and is less than useless. The connection between *faith and form* in the history of the church is revealing at this point. A change in symbolism has always either (1) indicated a change in doctrine, or (2) initiated a change in doctrine; usually the former. A change in faith has always brought about a change in worship. This is the story of church history. There is a dynamic relationship and reciprocity between the two which must not be overlooked now, or ever. The principle here is a sound one, I think, unless one wants to deny every

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# Publisher's 1963 VBS Approach Offers Answers to Worker Shortage

Shortage of teachers and other workers for Vacation Bible Schools—a growing problem in many churches in the last few years—has been met with practical solutions by one of the Nation's major independent publishers in its new 1963 VBS course, "Living With Christ."

Produced by Gospel Light Publications, Glendale, California, "Living With Christ," is a completely new curriculum that features newly prepared lessons for every age level. A new adult course which is included, offers a study of eleven cults and questionable religions, one of the first of its kind for laymen's use in the local church.

Mr. Greig, the publisher, says: "I would say we have met recruitment and training problems head on in

several ways in developing 'Living With Christ' for 1963: (1) A brand-new 'training-centered' filmstrip by Ethel Barrett; (2) more new teacher training records and new Sing-A-Long music records similar to those released for the first time in 1962; (3) another absolute first in the VBS field—an alternate five-day course for churches that have not been able to conduct the standard ten-day program."

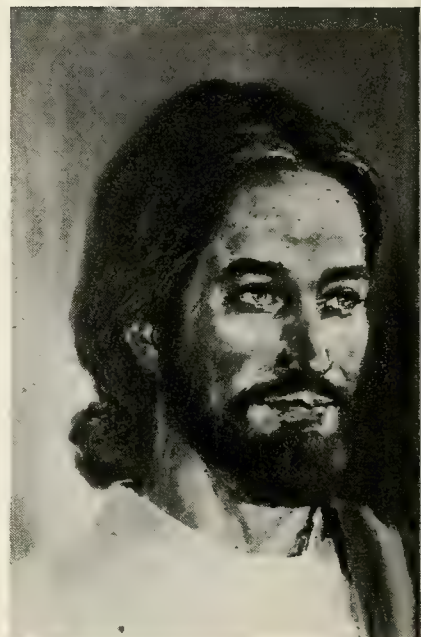
## 5-Day VBS Is Flexible

"Frankly," Mr. Greig continued, "we are heavily in favor of the ten-day school, but unmistakable trends show that our new five-day course will help many churches with their problems."

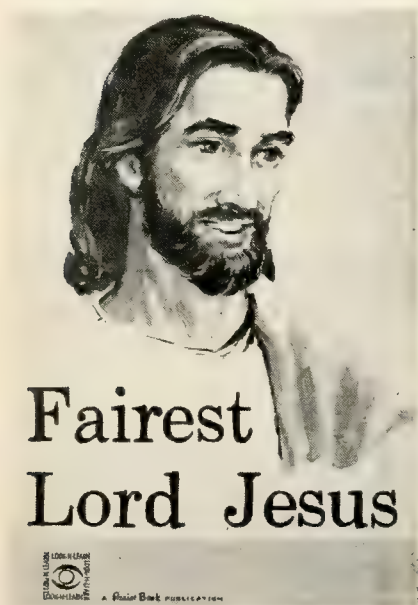
"The five-day version of 'Living With Christ' has been carefully condensed from the basic ten-day program for effective easy use. We believe the flexibility of this plan will fire the imaginations of churches everywhere."

## "Breakthrough" New Filmstrip Approach

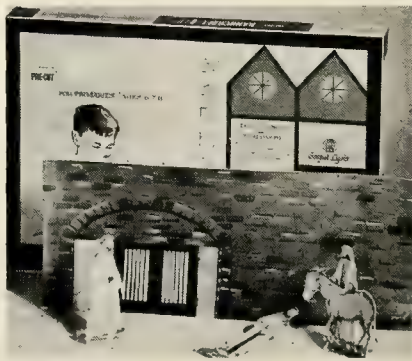
Ethel Barrett's dual talent as writer and performer has gone into



PORTRAIT OF CHRIST will be the major theme art for 1963 VBS course, "Living With Christ." The professional portrait artist who was commissioned to do the painting engaged in extensive research on Bible and Hebrew customs to achieve a realistic and inspiring result.



VISUALIZED HYMN for "Living With Christ," completely new 1963 VBS course is "Fairest Lord Jesus," the fourth in a series that includes "How Great Thou Art," "We've a Story To Tell," and "O Worship the King." Book opens to 24" x 18" in size, features full-color illustrations matched to large type that can be seen by an entire group as the hymn is learned during VBS.



PRIMARY KIT KRAFT for "Living With Christ" also features 3-D effect with reversible scenes. All Kit Kraft projects—one for each day—are correlated to the VBS lessons.

"Breakthrough," a new VBS filmstrip for 1963. While the plot holds the usual Barrett intrigue, there is strong emphasis on staff training, including help on how to get the most out of the curriculum and how to hold newly-won and newly-contacted pupils for the Sunday school after VBS is over.

"The plot centers around two typical VBS directors who are concerned about how to train their staff, which always includes many inexperienced workers," Mr. Greig related. "They are also deeply concerned about how to follow-up the many children who come to the church for the first time to attend VBS. How can they get them into the Sunday school? How can they muster enough energy to do a thorough follow-up after two intensive weeks of VBS teaching?"

"Harold, the little boy across the back fence, gives them their answer. And the whole filmstrip gives VBS workers many answers on how to prepare for VBS and how to hold new children who are won to Christ."

**More New Training Records**

Introduced for the first time in 1962, Listen-N-Learn teacher training records are a practical time and energy saving approach to training a VBS staff. Four brandnew seven-inch LP recordings—one for each department from preschool to youth—have been made by Ethel Barrett. On each recording she takes her listeners through a typical day's program in each department, demonstrating teaching techniques for reaching that age group. Workers can listen in groups and discuss her methods, and then listen over and over again alone at home.

"This new set of Listen-N-Learn records can be reused year after year, and with any VBS course," Mr. Greig pointed out. They are not dated or solely related to the "Living With Christ" theme. No matter what VBS course a church might use, these records give valuable instruction on how to teach and reach children and young people for Christ.

**New Musical Features, Too**

Sing-A-Long records, which also appeared on seven-inch LP's for the first time in 1962, are also back for 1963 in a larger size and with new teaching features to match the new songs. A complete set of four big twelve-inch LP's—one for each de-

partment from preschool to youth—has been cut.

"These records do just what their name implies," said Mr. Greig. "They allow the children to 'sing along' with easy to understand music and correctly pitched piano accompaniment. All the VBS 'Living With Christ' songs for the four departments are provided."

Matched with the new Sing-A-Long records are two new songbooks. Off the press in time for VBS '63 is the latest visualized hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus"—the course theme music for all departments.

Also available in the "Living With Christ" course is a new "VBS Songbook" containing thirty-six pages and the fifty favorite songs and hymns used in the course. The reasonable price of the book makes it logical for year 'round use as a Sunday-school songbook in the smaller church.

**New "Head of Christ" Portrait**

Theme art for the "Living With Christ" VBS course is a new full color portrait of the head of Christ, done by a professional artist who spent hours in research to achieve a realistic, inspiring result. Framable copies of this portrait are being made available at a small fee to cover postage and handling (25c). Those interested may write to *Portrait, Gospel Light Publications, Glendale 5, California.*

**Missionary Stories for Four Departments**

Three dozen or more missionary stories are included in each of four



YOUTH KIT KRAFT features two 9" x 10" cello-painting lamps, both picturing spots where Jesus walked. Both include appropriate Scripture verses. All materials are furnished, including lamp bases.

new books—one for each department from preschool through youth. VBS workers can choose stories in locales where their own church's missionaries work.

"These books are also a year 'round tool" Mr. Greig commented. "They are excellent source material for worship talks by superintendents, story sermons in children's churches, and program plans for Sunday evening groups."

**New Correlated Kit Kraft**

The "Living With Christ" course offers new Bible Kit Kraft for every department from preschool to youth. There is a project for each day that is not only fun to do, but practical and educational. Youth (12 and up) will enjoy making a pair of "cello painting" lamps with Biblical scenes and appropriate Scripture.

**Visual Aids for All**

Visual Aid packets for teachers of each age, from preschool to youth, contain colorful pre-cut figures for easy use. The preschool visual features flannelboard figures; primary offers chenille wire figures; junior provides a new way to teach and review memory verses; youth consists of a 3-D panorama of how the Bible came to us.

And, the ever popular paper bag puppets are also available for VBS.

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PRESCHOOL KIT KRAFT for 1963 VBS course, "Living With Christ," features one project for each day, plus a unique fold-out 3-D scene. A Palestinian house pops out as you open, then becomes manger scene when turned around. All items are pre-cut to save time.

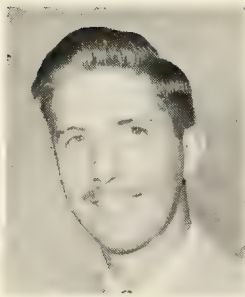


JUNIOR KIT KRAFT features the new "cello-painting" process. Two 6" x 10" cello-painting picture mottoes include scenes of an open Bible, and a scenic church with appropriate Scripture. Each packet provides everything needed, even the picture frames.



# THE CHURCH

## ... a Club or an Army?



By Rev. Charles R. Taber

Is the church of Jesus Christ a club or an army? Or, to put the question into more familiar terms, is it primarily a fellowship or a missionary body, a gathered church or a scattered church? The answer we give to this question will have far-reaching effects on our attitudes and conduct. In fact, I think we must admit that our attitudes and conduct are themselves a truer answer than any words we could utter as a revelation of our basic convictions. It is idle to say, "I believe this," if our actions are not thereby changed.

I think most of us, if pushed to it, would admit that the Bible teaches that the church is a sent body, a scattered witness, an army responsible for carrying the fight into the enemy's own territory (and incidentally salt that flavors the whole mass, rather than giving a nauseating taste in excessive concentration). The examination of such passages as Acts 8 and Matthew 16:18 indicates clearly that God's will for the church is that it should spread, rather than collect, itself. In fact, the latter passage pictures the church as triumphantly storming the very gates of hell (not, as popularly thought, an impregnable defensive position, but an invincible

offensive). The church is not the immovable rock, but the unstoppable force.

The consequences of this fact for the missionary enterprise have been well explored so that I need not give them too much attention. (Although it is just as possible for us to "turn off" our spiritual receptivity to often-repeated truth, so it is possible to shut out sounds or smells that are part of our constant physical environment. We must beware of this deadly psychological phenomenon. That is why, among other things, it is often helpful to use a different Bible translation than the one we commonly use. But this is a digression!) I will therefore not deal with the kind of activity the church ought to engage in, other than to say it should be missionary.

I would like to consider the kind of body the church ought to be. If it is primarily a club, then it follows that we will seek to be with those whom we find personally congenial, who have the same background, who "speak the same language." Then it will be perfectly legitimate to look for those who are of the same social set, the same economic status, the same educational achievements (or

lack of them)—the same racial origin. This is the very basis of all voluntary associations—from the Masons to the country club to the professional association to the stamp collector's club.

But if the church is an army—what then? I have never heard it said that a soldier upon entering the army sought out those whom he found personally agreeable. Rather he is assigned by superior authorities, not on the basis of personal tastes or prejudices, but in the interests of a higher consideration, the *national* welfare. (Incidentally, we act too often toward those of different fundamental denominations as if they were citizens of an allied country, rather than soldiers of the *same* army.) Recognizing that men have come from all sorts of backgrounds, the army deliberately sets out to destroy civilian distinctions, to carry out a process of amalgamation, to develop *esprit de corps* (a team spirit). Basic training is at least as much this as it is technical instruction in the handling of weapons. Men *must* forget that they are Hoosiers, or PhD's, or millionaires, or whites, or negroes if they are to function as an effective army. It is a matter of urgent priority. If the army had to consider in its assignment of draftees all the civilian distinctions that separate a group of conscripts, the war could well be lost before the paper work was well begun.

It seems to me this is an area where we as fundamental Christians have much to learn. We find it much too easy to cluster into social clubs or mutual admiration societies. We find it much too easy to carry over into the church those worldly distinctions that the Bible says have been specifically done away in Christ (Gal. 3:27-29; Col. 3:10-11, and many other passages).

The question is, have you "joined" the church, or have you been conscripted? After you answer honestly on the basis of your personal attitude, take a good look at John 15:16 and 17 (notice the significant juxtaposition of divine election and brotherly love). Are you in the church to gratify your personal tastes, or to please Him who has called you to be a soldier (II Tim. 2:4)? Brethren, I plead for us all no longer to be satis-

fied with rationalizations or resounding words, but to examine our hearts—and our practices.

Here are three concrete tests, which I challenge you to apply to your church. First, add up the hours each week (I should say the man-hours) that are spent in in-group fellowship activities (including the worship services, unless you have regularly a significant number of unsaved people there). Then add up the man-hours actually spent on reaching the lost (*not* in talking about reaching the lost). By simple division establish a ratio. Then weep with me before the Lord.

Second, ask yourself what happens when a Christian brother or sister of obviously different social, economic, or racial background from the majority of the church members stumbles into your church (it happens, usually by accident. If they knew that this was a white middle-class church, they would usually not come in the first place). Is he welcome as a brother in Christ? Or is he made to feel the carnal divisions which he knows so well in the world? Which distinction has priority in our thoughts, that between Christians and non-Christians, or that between people "like us" and people "not like us"?

Finally, when a non-Christian comes to church (yes; it sometimes happens), does he feel included, or left out? There is danger that he will be repelled in two ways. Either he will find us talking about important (spiritual) things in a jargon that we find meaningful, but which to him is gibberish, or he will find us talking about secondary things (who won the pennant, cars, comparative supermarkets) and sounding in every way just like the world. Then he will excuse himself because we are no better than he.

One final word. I do not deny the very great importance of fellowship. But here on earth it is not an end in itself, but a means to an end. And it is not based on carnal likeness, but on spiritual unity in Christ.

Brethren, do we dare to believe—and to put into action—the clear teaching of the Bible? It is time to bare our hearts before the Lord not with excuses, but with contrition.

## Publisher's . . .

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Fifteen full color faces include Bible, contemporary, and missionary figures.

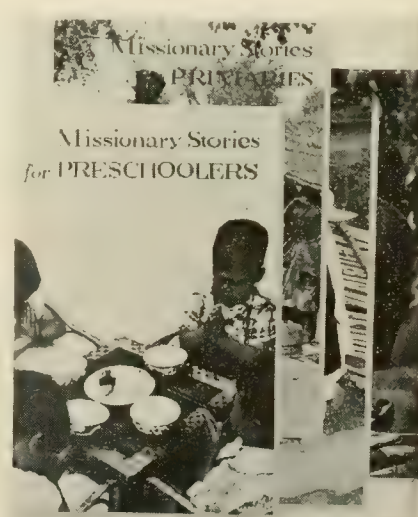
### Features To Attract Adults

Geared to interest adults—particularly fathers, are three do-it-yourself encyclopedias that provide hundreds of patterns and projects. Many men in the church will be interested in VBS when they learn they can take part by making something useful in the way of equipment or decoration. (And there are projects for young people, too, in fact all ages.)

Of still more interest to adults who want to know about their faith is the new course, "Christianity and the Cults." Written by Dr. Harold Lindsell of Fuller Seminary, this course promises a thorough, Biblical study of eleven cults and questionable faiths. Edited by C. Leslie Miller, this course also promises an attractive format and a down-to-earth fundamental approach with helpful suggestions for witnessing to persons in these groups.

"This fascinating timely study should interest adults—perhaps in an evening VBS of a five- or ten-day basis," said Mr. Greig. "It will also fit personal or group study situations year around."

*Note: Sample Kits for this course may be obtained from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Indiana.*



MISSIONARY STORIES for every department—preschool to youth—are a feature of the 1963 VBS course, "Living With Christ." Each book contains three dozen or more stories, plus a world map to help pupils locate story settings.



## LIGHT . . .

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definition that has been given to symbolism in Christian thought. This is precisely the theological issue when we insist on total immersion; total immersion is the only way to symbolize total identification with Christ. Therefore, when it is once admitted that the baptismal formula is trinitarian in doctrine, we must face this general principle in dealing with form.

When we turn next to the language of the text, do we find anything there that would cause us to question the above principle in the case of Christian baptism or suggest another? On the contrary, everything in the text would seem to support the principle; everything points to a correspondence between doctrine and symbol. The trinitarian doctrine, *vis-a-vis*, trine immersion. The trinitarian form, not just doctrine, is implicit—some would say explicit—in every regard.

While it must be admitted that *baptidzo* does not always demand repeated action, it is also true that, when repeated action is intended, this frequentative form of *bapto* is the way to express it. Whether or not the action is repeated must be determined on other grounds—on theological or contextual grounds—and in this case, both of these point to a trine immersion. The theological grounds have already been suggested. It remains only to note the language of the context grammatically.

The elliptical form of the language of the text lends strength to the above view. Grammarians agree that the ellipses must be supplied in the two final clauses (i.e. “. . . and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”), for they are meaningless when standing alone. In supplying the ellipses, the cardinal grammatical principle demands faithfulness to the original, or ruling clause; in this case, the entire prepositional phrase, “unto the name of the Father.” When applying these

principles, the ellipses are supplied, the text reads as follows: “baptizing them into the name of the Father, and [into the name] of the Son, and [into the name] of the Holy Ghost.” I think we can confidently challenge anyone to show where such a translation is strained or awkward in any grammatical or linguistic sense.

The interpretation which calls for a trine immersion does not depend upon one word, or phrase, or factor of the text (it must also be admitted, then, that the view is not proved by one word, or phrase, or *form*). Rather, the strength of the position we take lies in the fact that every detail of the text—grammatical, contextual, and theological—is accounted for when the baptismal formula is interpreted as calling for a trine immersion. This is not the case, in my judgment, with any other mode of baptism. Assuming the validity of that principle of logic which contends “that view which most completely explains all the factors is the correct one,” trine immersion is established on Biblical grounds as the preferred mode of Christian baptism.

When our Lord instituted Christian baptism, He did a new thing. Not that water baptism was new; we have already seen that. But it still remains true that: “This is a purely Christian institution, not of Moses, or of the prophets [or of John the Baptist, we might add]; hence, the formula is a perfectly original and unprecedented institution. There had been washings, cleansings, and purifyings among the Jews, Samaritans, and gentiles by various authorities and enactments; but not one like this: “into the name of the Father, and into the name of the Son, and into the name of the Holy Spirit” (Alexander Campbell, *American Christian Review*).

My conclusion, then, is as follows: the *fact* of ritual water baptism is not distinctive; the *form* of water baptism is always distinctive. Further, the *distinctive form* that baptism takes is determined by the *distinctive doctrine* that is being promulgated.

When these principles are applied, the conclusion is obvious. Only in trine immersion is the trinitarian doctrine symbolized; it could not be symbolized in any other way (of immersion). Trinitarianism could be part of the verbal formula, and thereby taught without trine immersion, but in that case it is not taught by correspondence in the symbol. If the symbol and the doctrine are to correspond, this is only possible by trine immersion.

This conclusion is supported further by the New Testament, in the contrast which is recognized between the baptism of John the Baptist and Christian baptism. This issue arose on two occasions (Acts 18:25; 19:1-5), both times in the city of Ephesus. In both cases, *a deficiency in doctrine is traced to a deficient form of baptism*. The dynamic relation between doctrine and symbol is again obvious. Why was it necessary to baptize the disciples involved? Because their baptism was not Christian baptism. Why was it not Christian baptism? At the least, because it was not trinitarian in doctrine, and therefore theologically deficient; and at the most, because it was not trinitarian in form, and therefore symbolically deficient.

(Reprinted from chapter 3 of the booklet, *Trine Immersion in the Light of Scripture and Church History*, by James Sweeton. This 44-page booklet may be purchased for \$.35 from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind.)

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DELK, Mrs. Marianna, 96, was taken home by the Lord on Dec. 29. She was the oldest member of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. She had been a member of the church since 1919.

—G. Forrest Jackson, pastor

SMALLWOOD, J. S., departed to be with the Lord on Dec. 25. He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1915. Funeral services were conducted by Charles W. Mayes and Alan S. Pearce.

—Charles W. Mayes, pastor

SMITH, John, went to be with his Lord on Dec. 24. He was a member of the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

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### *The God of Beginning Again*

At a point of time called "the beginning" in the dim ages of the past, God brought the universe into existence. In a garden redolent with the odors of heaven, He placed a man and woman perfumed with His presence, and with faces beaming with hope as they faced the future. All this was new and precious and wonderful.

Sin entered that garden and spread its blight over the whole scene, and man was thrust forth from the presence of the Lord. But God began again. He provided sacrifice for sin, the skins of animals for dress, and the promise of a Seed to remove sin, dispel the darkness, and develop a new order.

But the blight of sin upon the human race produced degeneration and degradation. Wandering far from God, man descended into crime, violence, and corruption, until every imagination of his heart was only evil continually. This brought upon the earth a flood for the purpose of wiping out every vestige of sin. But with Noah and his family God began anew and gave him the rainbow for encouragement.

Sinful nature working its way in the hearts of men led to further decline. At last all men in confederation became the announced enemies of God, proposing to build a tower to heaven, which compelled God to destroy their evil purposes by confusing their language and dispersing them across the earth.

Still the virus of sin took its toll among the nations of the earth until at last all knowledge of God was gone and darkness settled down over the whole scene. But

God, whose resources for beginning again are unlimited, chose a man by the name of Abraham from out of the Ur of the Chaldees, the very center of sinful humanity, and set His love upon him, and determined to begin again through him.

Though the course of sin in the family of this man led finally to Egypt and bondage and apparent defeat, God began again one night with a passover deliverance and with a mighty hand led His people out of the land, through the wilderness, and into a land of promise.

Centuries of sin in this nation led ever downward into darkness, defeat, and dispersion. Then a star of hope shone in the sky, and He who is Saviour, Christ, and Lord was born. At the place of the skull He performed a ministry that laid the foundation for beginning again, and in His resurrection there was the shout of victory and the guarantee of the outcome.

This God of beginning-again has made ample provision so that every new day, every new week, every new month, and every new year is bright with hope for beginning again. The past may be dark with human defeat and failure. But the future is bright with hope for those who join hands with our Saviour and Lord.

### *In This New Year God Begins Again*

With the same wonder God begins again this new year. He is beginning again in the life of everyone of His children all across the world. He is beginning again with every servant of His in their several ministries for Him. He is beginning again with every leader whom He has placed at the helm for directing His people. He is beginning again with every minister of the Gospel in the homeland, with every missionary on the foreign field, with every teacher of His precious Word. The pages of yesterday's record may be stained with personal defeat and failure. But the pages of the new year are white and clean, and in the power of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will a record can be written that will glow with triumph.

Grace Seminary and College has a new year lying before her. God has brought the school this far on the way, and to Him all the triumphs must be credited. But there are failures too, and these must be traced to those into whose hands the school has been intrusted. Here, too, God is beginning again, and by His grace, in every faculty and staff member, He will work His amazing ministry for His good pleasure.

There lies before the board of directors, the student body, the alumni, the members of the corporation the same new year. The God of beginning again invites all to look to Him, take courage, have hope, enlarge vision, and give themselves with determination to march with Him into new fields, greater victories, and richer fellowship with Him. There is no limit to achievement with Him, for "he giveth more grace" (James 4:6).

# “JUST A- ROAMIN’”



For twenty-five years Dr. Alva J. McClain served as president of Grace Theological Seminary, and from 1948 as president of Grace College. On August 31, 1962 Dr. McClain became president-emeritus of both schools.

Then a dream began forming. This finally materialized when shortly after Thanksgiving of 1962 he and Mrs. McClain left Winona Lake for a schedule-free vacation. Their desire was to go—“just a-roamin’.”

With their new self-contained Airstream house trailer, Dr. and Mrs. McClain headed for Texas and warm weather. Then they plan to go to Arizona and California. They have no set schedule, for they are “just a-roamin’.”

Cover Photo: Educational Issue

## Who's Who

*Shown on this week's cover are, left to right, first row: Jeanine Larson, Barbara Hindman, Joyce Baker, and Judy Rager. Second row, Luke Kauffman, David Miller, David Gilbert, and Garry Butt.*

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### GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

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Detroit, Michigan

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Bauman Memorial Lectures

▼ Dr. Jared Gerig  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Grace College faculty has selected eight seniors to represent the college in the 1963 “Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.” This compilation represents approximately 1,200 educational institutions.

Selection of students is made on the basis of their wide participation in college activities, academic leadership, and general contributions to campus life.

The eight Grace seniors who have been chosen for this honor are:

JOYCE BAKER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Baker, of Aleppo, Pennsylvania, served as the editor for the 1962 college yearbook, has been the treasurer of her class for three years, and plans to take graduate study next year.

Mrs. John S. Butt, of Peru, Indiana, has majored in music education. He served as vice president of his sophomore class, and was vice president of the student council last year. He traveled this past summer with the Heralds of Grace representing the college. He will enter Grace Seminary next fall.

DAVID GILBERT, son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Gilbert, of Erie, Pennsylvania, has been active in college athletics and served as president of the men's athletic club his junior year. He is social chairman of the student body, and has participated in several productions of the dramatics department. He plans to enter graduate school next year.

BARBARA HINDMAN, daughter

GARRY BUTT, son of Mr. and

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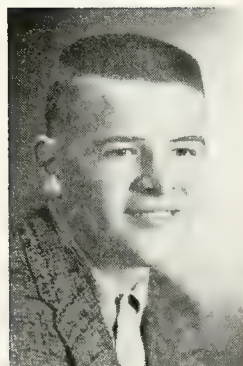


# Testimonials for Grace



Academic life at Grace College is tops. As each class is begun with prayer I feel like being alert and listening because I know the Lord is going to be right beside me, to help me all the way. Then, the spiritual applications put a little spice into the lesson. It's also wonderful to know that the professors are concerned about us and want us to get an education that we may serve the Lord in our fullest capacity. I just praise the Lord that He brought me here. High school left me very discouraged because very few teachers had any kind of love for God's Word, so they tried to teach all kinds of man's ideas instead of God's. I just had no desire to put any effort into my studies. I thank the Lord that the teachers out here love God's Word, and they teach what God would have them teach. I've already acquired a new love for learning, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful life for the next four years.

—Leila Masimer  
Palmyra, Pennsylvania



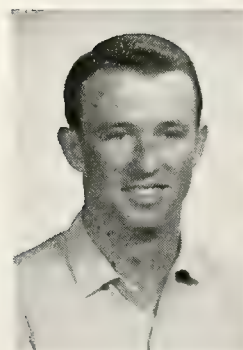
I believe that the real worth of any institution may be determined by two criteria. First, the difference of its basic principles from those of similar institutions, and second, the implementation and continuance of those principles within the institution.

When I apply these same criteria to colleges, or to Christian colleges in particular, I find that Grace College is very nearly unique.

Grace College had a beginning based upon the unchanging principles of God's Word. It would be no problem here to mention nationally prominent schools which began as fundamental, evangelical seminaries, but have since devolved into bases from which much current modernistic theology proceeds.

I am thankful for the Bible-centeredness of Grace College, and that it is continually emphasized and followed by the administration, faculty, and students.

—Gerald Hedman  
Seattle, Washington

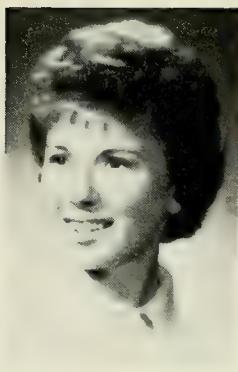


I know that if I should attempt to tell what I appreciate most, or what I have received thus far at Grace College that neither time nor space would permit it. Most certainly an individual should not overlook the academic curriculum of the school; however, I would like to describe in a few words the friendliness of the students.

Many times in situations where there are large numbers of people together, they are cold and indifferent to one another. This is not true of the Grace students. They are very friendly and always have a greeting for you during the day. This friendliness means a great deal to newcomers and also to upper classmen. The smile and greeting of a student as you are trying to become accustomed to the college routine has a great effect on a person's attitude about college life. Whenever someone needs help, he or she doesn't have to go very far until they find someone who is more than willing to help them, no matter what the situation.

Friendliness of the students is just one of the aspects that I appreciate at Grace College.

—Morris Hackworth  
Silver Lake, Indiana



The advantages of coming to a small Christian college, such as Grace College, include both the academic and social aspects. The classroom atmosphere is more relaxed, which makes learning easier. Because the class is small, students and teachers learn to know one another, and it is easier for the instructor to give special attention to a student who is having a difficult time with his studies. The small size of the class is not the only contributor to the relaxed atmosphere of a classroom. The fact that most of the students and the faculty are Christians is a very major contributor to the advantage of receiving an education here at Grace. The blessings of having Christian friends and instructors are of great value to me. I thank the Lord for providing such a college, Grace College, in which I can receive my education.

—Gretchen Sprunger  
Berne, Indiana



The thing that most impressed me about Grace College was the Christian faculty. Every class period begins with looking to the Lord in prayer. This tends to create a better atmosphere for learning with an understanding between the student and the instructor. I personally feel more at ease in a Christian atmosphere and am more readily inclined to accept what the instructor has taught because I know that we have at least one thing in common—our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All of the instructors on our faculty here at Grace have a desire to help us students in any way they can and are always ready and willing to listen to our problems and counsel with us.

In my opinion the faculty here has gone out of their way to welcome us new students and to make us feel that we are a vital part of our college.

—Lucille Davis  
Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania

#### HOW TO RAISE A DELINQUENT: TEN EASY RULES

*Prepared by the Police Department of Houston, Texas*

1. Begin at infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
5. Quarrel frequently in his presence. In this way he will not be too shocked when the home is broken later.
6. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
7. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.
8. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
9. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying: "I never could do anything with him."
10. Prepare for a life of grief. You are bound to have it.

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# Christian Service at Grace

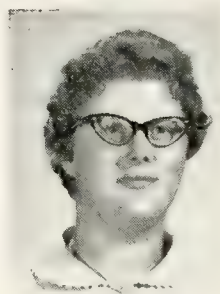
By Evelyn Brubaker, Secretary

Christian Service Department

Why did I come to college? It's strange that this question should come to my mind. I've been a student at Grace for almost three years. I shoved the question back in my mind, but during the next few days the thought came to me again and again. Just why am I here?

Well, everyone knows that in order to get anywhere in today's world, one must have a college education and, of course, a Christian should attend a Christian college. But that answer didn't satisfy me. Finally I decided I'd come to Grace College to prepare myself for my life's service. I could gain a better position and salary with a college education. But still I felt something lacking in my plans for my life.

After a period of dissatisfaction and unhappiness, the Lord spoke to me through a verse in II Corinthians just as surely as if He had used an audible voice. I had asked: "What shall I do with my life?" God replied: "What? know ye not that . . . ye are not your own? Therefore, glorify God in your body." How simple it was! Why hadn't I understood this before? This life is not mine to live, but rather it belongs to God, and it is He who must plan it for me.



Once God had challenged me, I began searching the Scriptures to discover His plan for my life, and I was not disappointed. Christ commanded His followers: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Again it seemed that God spoke directly to me. "Now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light" (Acts 26:18).

This was wonderful! I'd never realized that God wanted every Christian to give his life to be used of God as missionaries, pastors, youth workers, Christian day schoolteachers, and writers. Now I knew I was preparing to serve God wherever He would use me. Shortly after I made this discovery, a chapel speaker challenged me by saying: "Crossing an ocean never made a missionary." That struck me forcibly. Was I a mission-

ary now? Was I serving God now? What was I doing to reach the lost people in our area now? I desired to serve with all my heart, but what could I do? How could I serve God while I was yet in college? For the answer to these questions I was directed to the Christian Service Department. I determined to learn as much of its function as I could.

I learned that there are two basic purposes of the department. First, the needs of the unsaved people of the area surrounding the college are great, and God using the 389 Grace students would have them all come to know Him. Second, education can make a teacher, or even a pastor, but only experience can make a soul-winner. I was told that every experience of witnessing, every type of Christian service serves to better prepare me for an effective ministry in whatever phase of service God may choose to use me.

To meet these two needs, Grace College has formed the Christian Service Department. Because practical experience in Christian service is recognized at Grace as an essential part of the total program of Christian education, this department was formed to encourage us to serve God by providing many opportunities for the use of musical and expressional talents.

I found that through the Christian Service Department, many of my classmates teach Sunday-school classes, lead young people's groups in the local churches, direct Youth for Christ and YMCA clubs in the public schools, and teach Child Evangelism clubs in private homes. Also, groups of students travel to surrounding towns to visit in the hospitals and nursing homes, as well as engage in house-to-house visitation, or personal witness. Many men serve as part-time pastors, youth ministers, or music directors of local churches. Many students who are musically inclined have found a field of real service in gospel teams, or singing in trios,



Lloyd Woolman, Director of Christian Service

quartets, and church choirs, as well as playing musical instruments.

I had never realized that each year, many boys and girls come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour as a result of Grace students teaching Child Evangelism classes. This type of service certainly bears fruits for God, but perhaps even more important for a student preparing for full-time Christian service, such as myself Child Evangelism is a field in which the student can learn to know Christ in a fuller way, and also learn how to better witness and serve Him.

Margaret Hull, a Phoenix, Arizona senior told me: "Studying the Bible lessons and trying to express God's marvelous message in the simple words of a child has been a real blessing to me. It is a challenge to see a child's delight in the discovery of the basic truths that have become 'old stuff' to me. The questions that children can ask are thought provoking." Certainly the training she has gained

through this Christian service will be of great value to her if the Lord should lead her to the mission field. This is the kind of Christian service I am interested in.

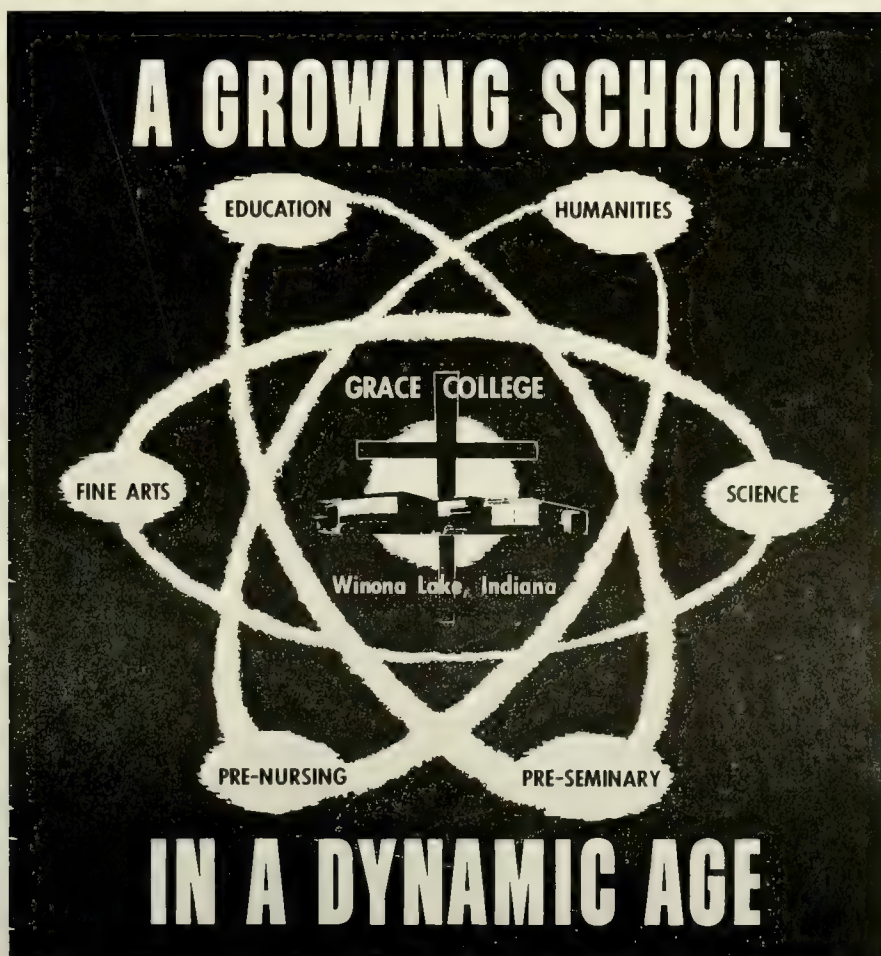
Millie Cooley, a senior from Detroit, Michigan, feels that individual evangelism or personal witnessing is the type of Christian service best suited for preparing her for full-time service. "In personal visitation," she told me, "I am forced into utter dependence on God and reliance on the Holy Spirit. I have no assistants, no lesson books, just Christ who is more than sufficient." That's just what I need!

"Through working in a nursing home and hospital," Tom Miller, a Pennsylvania sophomore told me, "I am getting a vision of the great numbers of unhappy people in the world who are hungering and longing for the happiness and rest that is only to be found in Christ." Oh, how I

need to see the needs of people without Christ.

And it seemed that the list of benefits my friends derived from Christian service activities could be endless. Apparently no matter what the talent, or what the field of service, God is working through Grace students to fulfill this twofold purpose of the Christian Service Department, which really is the purpose of Christ for my life. The unsaved people in this area are being reached by the Gospel, and the students are being trained in methods of soul-winning, and are given the privilege of becoming utterly dependent upon the Lord. I am convinced that God would have me begin serving Him while I am here at Grace.

Now my problem is, which of the many fields of Christian service should I enter? Which would best train me, and where can God use me most? I wonder if I could participate in all the fields?





# NOURISHED IN THE WORDS

NEW TESTAMENT WORD STUDIES—27

## ANOTHER COMFORTER

To the bewildered disciples in the upper room who faced an uncertain future without Jesus, our Lord gave this promise: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter" (John 14:16). This revelation had tremendous significance, not only to those eleven men on the eve of the crucifixion, but also for all believers from that day on. It was a promise whose fulfillment is enjoyed by every Christian.

Of particular interest is the word used to designate this "Comforter." It appears in the New Testament only in John's writings—four times in his Gospel and once in his First Epistle. Yet the original word (Greek: *parakletos*) has a breadth of meaning not precisely conveyed by any one English term. We must therefore examine its uses in the original language to define properly its full meaning.

In John's Gospel the "Comforter" is said to be the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). All of these instances were statements of Jesus made to the disciples on the night before His death. Since one of them (14:16) calls the Spirit "another comforter," we must expect the Spirit to take the place of the absent Jesus in some sense, and carry on some of the functions toward believers that Jesus had been doing. This thought is reinforced by the fact that Jesus himself is called by John a *parakletos* in I John 2:1: "We have an *advocate* with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." There the emphasis is on Christ's work as a legal representative who pleads our cause before the Heavenly Father. Hence the Holy Spirit must also be our helper who assists us in time of need.

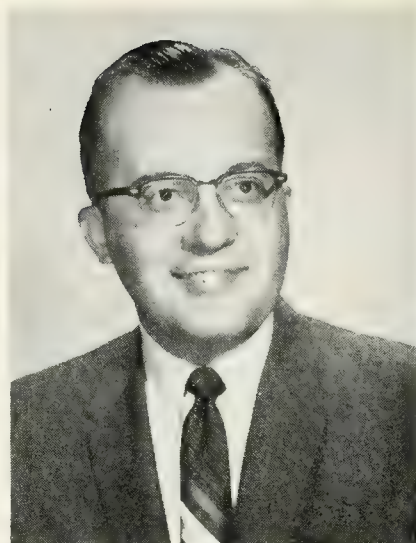
Furthermore, that the Holy Spirit is a true representative of Christ in believers is evidenced by another name given to Him in Scripture. In John 14:17 He is called the "Spirit of truth." Earlier in the same chapter, John records Jesus as saying: "I am the truth" (14:6). Thus the Spirit carries on the function of Jesus

by being the divine Witness in the believer and in the world to the truth which is in Christ.

But what about that translation "Comforter"? How can "Comforter" and "advocate" (or lawyer) both translate the same word? "Comforter" entered the English Bible with Wycliffe's version (c. 1380), but the term then had a much wider connotation than the modern meaning of one who consoles in time of sorrow or distress. One scholar has pointed out that Wycliffe used the cognate verb to translate Ephesians 6:10, "Be ye *comforted in the Lord*," where the word being translated means "empowered" or "enabled."

William Barclay has shown that in ordinary secular Greek the most characteristic usage of the word has to do with help given in some kind of legal trial. The *parakletos* was the friend of the defendant, called in to give testimony on his behalf. He was the "prisoner's friend" (*More New Testament Words*, pp 131-138). This is the clear sense of I John 2:1.

Another use of the word by the Greeks enlarges our concept. The



By Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.

term (at least, a cognate form) was used of exhorting troops in battle, encouraging them to be gallant and strong in face of danger. Here we see the emphasis in the Gospel occurrences of the term. Just as Christ is the believer's helper and friend before God (I John 2:1), so the Holy Spirit is the believer's helper and encourager in the problems of life. He imparts strength, courage, and assistance so that the believer may be victorious in the spiritual battles of life.

## WHO'S WHO . . .

(Continued from page 51)

ter of Mrs. Robert Taylor, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, has served as president of the dorm senate and was selected as 1963 Homecoming Queen attendant. She has been active in the dramatics department at Grace.

LUKE KAUFFMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah M. Kauffman, of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, is the president of the student body. Last year Luke served on the dorm senate, and is now serving as a dean's assistant. He plans to go on to graduate study in Grace Seminary next year.

Mrs. JEANINE LARSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swetlic, of Mansfield, Ohio, was the 1962 Homecoming Queen at Grace Col-

lege. In 1961 she was editor of the college annual, and served as a dean's assistant. She plans to teach

DAVID MILLER, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. A. Miller, of Glendale, California, is co-editor of the 1963 college yearbook. He is the student body social chairman, and has served as a class officer several times. He traveled this past summer with the Heralds of Grace representing the college. Upon graduation he plans to enter Grace Seminary.

JUDY RAGER, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Rager, of Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, has been active in dramatics, and is the captain of the varsity cheerleaders. This past summer she traveled with the Gospel-Heirs ladies quartet for the college. Judy plans to enter elementary education upon graduation.

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## DORMITORY FUND REPORT

to date: Jan. 10, 1963

### RECEIPTS AND UNPAID PLEDGES

#### Receipts to date:

Gifts ..... \$ 97,657  
Investments ..... 345,490

Total receipts ..... \$ 443,147

#### Unpaid pledges:

Gifts ..... \$ 13,667  
Investments ..... 19,000

Total unpaid pledges 32,667

**GOAL ..... \$600,000**

Total receipts and unpaid pledges ..... 475,814

**Balance needed ..... \$124,186**

## Gifts to Grace Theological Seminary—November and December 1962

General Building Fund		General Building Fund		General Building Fund	
Allegheny		Lancaster, Pa. ....	47.50	Dayton (North Riverdale)	395.74 351.38
Aleppo, Pa. ....	30.00	Palmyra, Pa. ....	35.00	Dayton (Patterson Park)	224.60 5.00
Jenners, Pa. ....	173.67	Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	860.00 15.00	Englewood	40.00
Listie, Pa. ....	305.62	York, Pa. ....	83.55	Kettering	20.00
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	134.50	Northern Ohio		Trotwood	1.00
Meyersdale, Pa. ....		Akron	416.63	Vandalia	40.00 5.00
(Summit Mills)	106.04	Ashland	1,240.00 2.00	Miscellaneous	
Washington, Pa. ....	24.00	Ankenytown	19.00 11.00	Isolated Brethren	5.00 5.00
East		Barberton	52.00	Non-Brethren	1,793.86 215.00
Altoona, Pa. (First)	19.00	Canton	35.00	Maintenance Gift	923.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	16.00	Cleveland	78.57 5.00	Totals	19,773.13 3,038.73
Butler, Pa. ....	50.00	Cuyahoga Falls	255.65 49.00	DESIGNATED GIFTS	
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	121.00 125.50	Danville	67.00	Listie, Pa. ....	10.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	80.00 8.00	Findlay	20.36	Meyersdale, Pa. ....	54.00
Everett, Pa. ....	21.00 15.00	Fremont	386.15 89.70	Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	20.00
Hopewell, Pa. ....	5.00	Homerville	53.00	Everett, Pa. ....	50.00
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	353.75 33.50	Mansfield (Grace)	2,040.00 199.00	Johnstown, Pa. (First)	19.50
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	401.97 179.15	Mansfield (Woodville)	95.46	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	5.00
Indiana		Middlebranch	117.00 73.00	Kittanning, Pa. (First)	501.00
Berne	85.00 47.00	Rittman	31.00 12.00	Berne, Ind. ....	29.80
Flora	57.00	Sterling	40.00 25.00	Goshen, Ind. ....	2.00
Goshen	94.00 6.00	Wooster	108.30 16.00	Kokomo, Ind. ....	100.00
Leesburg	20.79 19.32	Northwest		Leesburg, Ind. ....	15.40
Osceola	130.00 8.00	Portland, Oreg. ....	15.00	Osceola, Ind. ....	5.00
Peru	35.00 10.00	Seattle, Wash. ....	300.00	Peru, Ind. ....	84.68
Sidney	93.00 50.00	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	90.00 162.55	Sidney, Ind. ....	16.90
South Bend	159.00 20.60	Yakima, Wash. ....	40.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	409.34
Warsaw	125.00 1.00	Scutheast		Cedar Rapids, Iowa	212.50
Winona Lake	2,395.79 184.05	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ....	315.50	Leon, Iowa	5.00
Iowa		Hollins, Va. ....	20.00	Waterloo, Iowa	11.00
Cedar Rapids	2.00 66.00	Radford, Va. ....	25.00	Lake Odessa, Mich. ....	5.00
Leon	3.00	Virginia Beach, Va. ....	33.00	Washington, D. C. (First)	25.00
Waterloo	305.79 79.35	Southern California and Arizona		Winchester, Va. ....	4.00
Winona, Minn. ....	7.00	Bellflower, Calif. ....	5.50 12.00	Harrisburg, Pa. ....	5.00
Michigan		Compton, Calif. ....	250.00	Ashland, Ohio	658.00
Alto		Fillmore, Calif. ....	5.85	Canton, Ohio	87.62
Hastings	5.00	Inglewood, Calif. ....	257.00 45.00	Fremont, Ohio	25.00
Lake Odessa	40.90 40.90	LaVerne, Calif. ....	59.75	Rittman, Ohio	10.00
Lansing	8.00	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	653.50 323.50	Grandview, Wash. ....	28.75
New Troy	211.50	Long Beach, Calif. ....		Sunnyside, Wash. ....	2.00
Mid-Atlantic		(Los Altos)	35.00	Johnson City, Tenn. ....	200.00
Hagerstown, Md. ....		Montclair, Calif. ....	87.29 35.00	Bellflower, Calif. ....	13.50
(Calvary)	276.23 30.00	Norwalk, Calif. ....	91.25	Norwalk, Calif. ....	10.00
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	831.86	Paramount, Calif. ....	49.00	Dayton, Ohio (First)	21.50
Washington, D. C. (First)	42.00	Rialto, Calif. ....	88.36	Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	6.00
Winchester, Va. ....	13.50 15.10	South Pasadena, Calif. ....	13.00	Isolated Brethren	25.00
Midwest		Tempe City, Calif. ....	9.30 18.75	Non-Brethren	624.50
Denver, Colo. ....	5.00	Westminster, Calif. ....	30.00	National Fellowship of	
Portis, Kans. ....	100.00	Whittier, Calif. (Com.)	166.07	Brethren Laymen	112.18
Nor-Cal		Whittier, Calif. (First)	5.00 5.00	National Brethren WMC	190.86
Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)	115.50	Southern Ohio		Brethren Missionary Herald Co.	75.00
Sacramento, Calif. ....	12.50	Brookville	31.00	Miscellaneous and Anonymous	2,035.28
San Jose, Calif. ....	8.00	Clayton	57.00 8.00	Totals	5,715.31
Northern Atlantic		Dayton (First)	447.17 234.88		
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	184.13	Dayton (Grace)	21.18		



# Newspage

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**JACKSON, MICH.** Gilbert Hawkins, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was special speaker at the Parole Camp of Southern Michigan State Prison on Jan. 4. This is the largest walled prison in the world.

**HOLLINS, VA.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd N. Hamblin, faithful members of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12, 1962.

**LA VERNE, CALIF.** William J. Roberts, vice president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, and Mr. Einar Waermo, Swedish dramatic tenor, presented a special service at the First Brethren Church on Jan. 6. Dr. Elias D. White, pastor,

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** Kenneth Ashman was elected to remain as pastor of the First Brethren Church for his 17th year on Jan. 8.

**LISTIE, PA.** Max DeArmey is serving as interim pastor of the Listie Brethren Church.

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** Approximately 800 people attended the Annual Christmas program presented by the Grace Brethren Day School on Thursday and Friday evenings. The New Year's Watch Night Service was highlighted by a surprise shower for Pastor and Mrs. Russell Konves.

**DALLAS CENTER, IOWA.** The First Brethren Church extended a call to Jim Custer, senior at Grace Seminary, to become pastor of the church. Mr. Custer has accepted the call and will assume pastoral duties around July 1. Jesse B. Deloe, Jr., is presently serving as interim pastor.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** The Grace Brethren Church recorded a 50 percent increase in all services of the church in the last quarter of 1962. Dr. Orville Jobson will be guest missions speaker here on Feb. 3.

**SPOKANE, WASH.** Reuel Cook,

## 938 Yes--262 No

The subscribers to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* have decided to change to a color biweekly magazine by a vote of 938 in favor of the change and 262 opposed. This means 78 percent of the votes were yes, and only 22 percent no.

The new color issues of the *Herald* will begin in February. There will be no change in subscription rates. The larger biweekly in color will cost approximately the same amount to publish as the smaller black and white weekly magazine. First estimates had indicated that the change would be more expensive, but now that figures have been finalized the cost is nearly the same. Praise the Lord for His evident blessing upon this new undertaking.

The old Gospel message will now appear in a more readable and attractive magazine. Look for the new issues to begin on February 9.

formerly missionary to Brazil under the Evangelical Union of South America for three terms, is serving as interim pastor of the First Brethren Church.

**SIDNEY, IND.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Boyer who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and Mr. Boyer's 82d birthday on Jan. 10. They are members of the Sidney Brethren Church.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** Mark Malles has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the First Brethren Church for the ninth year.

**AKRON, OHIO.** Russell Ogden read his resignation as pastor of the First Brethren Church on Jan. 13. The resignation will become effective June 16. Pastor Ogden has accepted

year, is operating only evenings at present, but tentative plans call for developing a campus and full day program in the near future. The Bible Institute was founded by Dr. Raymond Gingrich in 1939, who served as president for 18 years.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** A special evangelistic crusade was scheduled for the Community Brethren Church beginning Jan. 20. An unusual evangelistic team of brothers, Bill and Elmer Piper, of Greenville, S. C. were featured as evangelist and singer. Ward Miller, pastor.

**SEATTLE, WASH.** Mrs. Harold Hewitt of the View Ridge Brethren Church was presented a beautiful inscribed loving cup from the Sunday school as the "Teacher of the Year" award on Jan. 6. Rev. Bill Eakin, International Bible Club Director of Youth for Christ, will be the featured Youth Sunday speaker on Feb. 3. Phillip J. Simmons is pastor.

**MARTINSBURG, PA.** The First Brethren Church, John Terrell, pastor received \$881.73 in gifts at the annual Christmas birthday for Jesus offering on Dec. 23, 1962.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The Christian Service Brigade of the Winona Lake Brethren Church recently received their charter, which will be presented officially on Jan. 27. There are 17 charter members with Richard Kelley, Grace Seminary student, as



Rev. Russell Ogden

the offer to become president of the Akron Bible Institute. He has served as Dean of the Bible Institute for two years, and taught Bible and Doctrine for three. This school, now in its 24th

their captain. Charles Ashman is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Russell Ward submitted his resignation as pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Dec. 30, 1962, which will become effective March 31, 1963.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. John Mayes, assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., presented a series of pictures of the Holy Land at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church during Jan. 16 and 17.

BANGUI, AFRICA. Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon arrived here on Dec. 30, 1962, to resume their service as Brethren missionaries. They had come to the United States in December 1961 to obtain medical treatment for Mr. Sheldon.

#### KITTANNING, PA.

A forced-air gas furnace was installed in the North Buffalo Brethren Church, May 1960. This is now completely paid for. Paneling has been purchased for the walls of the basement. We look forward to having the walls and ceiling on the basement soon. Before Christmas the Pastor and Mrs. Walter were asked to come over to the church and found it decorated for Christmas and about 60 people there to wish the Walters a Merry Christmas. Some lovely gifts were received and \$62 in cash. This cash later was increased to about \$128. We appreciate the good spirit of fellowship manifest. About 140 people attended the Christmas program when the Sunday school presented the Moody Monthly program "The Heart of Christmas."

Fred Wm. Walter



A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janice Rockman, and Mitchel Kaepfel, Oct. 27, 1962, at the View Ridge Brethren Church, Seattle, Wash.

Lois Jean Wertz and Karl Kenny, Dec. 8, 1962, at the Conemaugh

Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Dorothy Barnes and Ronnie Beckler, Jan. 6, at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Kaye Holsinger and Ismet Nuri, Dec. 30, 1962, at the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

## ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

STEYER, Mrs. Rosa, 90, was taken to be with her Lord on Dec. 20, 1962. She was a member of the LaLoma Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

—J. Paul Miller, pastor

WHITE, David, 15, lost his life in an automobile accident on New Year's day 1963. He was a member of the LaLoma Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

—J. Paul Miller, pastor

KEYSER, Charles, 76, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 7. He was a member of the First Brethren

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Allen Unger, Dayton, Ohio  
Howard Vulgamore, Warsaw, Ind.  
Dean I. Walter, Duncansville, Pa.  
Fred Wm. Walter, Kittanning, Pa.  
Russell M. Ward, Dayton, Ohio  
Norman Uphouse, Winona Lake, Ind.

Church of Barberton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Robert Markley and James Young.

—Robert Markley, pastor

ZUG, Amanda, was called home to be with the Lord on Dec. 27, 1962. She was a faithful and spirit-filled member of the Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

—Emlyn Jones, pastor

LATHLEAN, Hazel, was called home to heaven last December 1962. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

—Emlyn Jones, pastor

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President, Grace Seminary and Grace College

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# Are We Acceptable?

By Eileen Hunley  
Roanoke, Virginia

To be accepted by one's family, friends, or society is man's prime concern—his chief goal in the world today. In his shortsightedness, he sees nothing more than position and social favor for which to expend his efforts—nothing more lasting than temporary acceptance by a group of shallow and temporary friends. Even if he sees no real value in such strivings, he will pretend an exuberance to equal that of his success-conscious neighbor so as not to lose out in the race. He will place a false and undue emphasis on something he cannot truly put his heart into, and all for the sake of being accepted.

But how much of this concern for acceptance does man carry over into his relationship with God? How big a part does God play in our daily strivings for success and attainment?

"Not enough," the majority of us will have to answer. And yet, do we not use as our benediction Psalm 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer"? Why then the emphasis on material things, when we have asked God to let our meditations be upon things that would be acceptable in His sight? Not that earthly success is not in accordance with God's will for man's life, but is this more important than living a spiritual and God-filled life regardless of society.

What exactly, in God's terms, does acceptable mean? It means that we are to live above the world's conception of acceptance, to seek for higher and more lasting goals than those which the world has set. Acceptance, in God's sight, is a minute-by-minute abiding in the center of His will, a wholehearted dedication to the task to which He has appointed us.

To do this, we must first present our inner selves for His cleansing. Our hearts and minds must be rid of their worldly desires and passions and filled instead with the love of God and a love for Him. There must be instilled in each of us the zeal to live for God and find favor in His eyes.

But to live for Him, we must know His plan for Christian living. To know this plan, we need only look to Matthew 7:12: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." We might broaden the interpretation of this commandment to read: Therefore, whatsoever manner of man ye would that men should be, be ye even so as they. For our private lives are just as much a testimony to others as the way in which we treat our fellow man.

In His Word, Christ has given us some forty qualities that we, as Christians, are to possess. In Romans, we are instructed to live peaceably and agreeably with all men, having a meek and quiet spirit. We are told to be fervent and sincere in our charity toward others, always forgiving, gentle, patient, and compassionate. Sympathy and encouragement are ours to proffer in time of sorrow and need.

Kindness is to be administered, not as a means of self-glory, but rather to glorify God and typify His goodness. We are to be discreet and chaste in well-doing, extending gratitude where gratitude is due, and always maintaining a spirit of humbleness.

We are told in the Book of Proverbs to be merry at heart, joyful, and optimistic. We need only take our troubles to God and be given a song in return. We are thus manifesting complete confidence and trust in Him to make things right again.

Christ placed a strong emphasis on the qualities of reliability, faithfulness, and loyalty. When we are reputed to be dependable, numberless opportunities will come our way to perform services for mankind and, in so doing, for God.

Few people can say with Paul, "For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." We are constantly beset by feelings of envy and jealousy for those who have more or better than we have. And

yet is it not true that only contentment can bring real happiness?

Our every-day dealings with our friends and neighbors, and with business associates, speak much for our character. Are we unerringly courteous and polite regardless of circumstances, fair in every situation, and self-sacrificing? Or are we always wary of the other fellow, making co-operation and organization arduous?

Perhaps the most difficult quality of Christian living for us to sustain is that of self-control. How many times we allow our tempers to take rein in a situation when one, quick, silent prayer could so easily spare consequent misunderstandings and hurt feelings.

If we are concerned about man's opinion of us, how much more concern we should have for God's opinion. If we care to be accepted in the eyes of man, how much more ought we care to be found acceptable in the eyes of God who has created us for His glory and honor.

To be acceptable to our Master is to be acceptable to man. For a life well-pleasing to God cannot be less than well-pleasing to our friends and family. We need only be successful in following a Christlike pattern of living to be a success on earth—maybe not a success in man's terms of wealth and social status, but a success on God's terms of happiness and peace.

We fall so short of God's requirements; and at times we would give up the fight, despairing within ourselves and saying, "I can't, I can't." Nor can we by our own frail wills and weak strength. We can only meet God's standards with God's strength of will. And this strength is only a prayer away. When we face discouragement and temptation, God's hand is in ours. We need only cling to Him in place of letting go. In that way, we allow God to aid us in our endeavors to render our lives more acceptable to Him. The endeavoring is made easier, materialism less desirable when we make it our practice to set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth.

◆ "BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN  
OF THE PHARISEES!"

# WARNINGS AGAINST LEAVEN

By Charles H. Ashman, D.D.

West Covina, California

Leaven in the Scriptures is a symbol of false doctrine and types of evil. The Bible gives many warnings against it. The Old Testament Passover was celebrated with "unleavened bread." The penalty of death was decreed upon tolerating its presence in the home during this Passover Feast. The Holy Communion of the New Testament was instituted with "unleavened bread" and should always be observed thus. First Corinthians 5:6 to 8 teaches this. The ten passages in the New Testament in which we find the word "leaven" all warn us against it.

Spiritual leaven is very dangerous! The Bible uses the word "beware" in warning against it. This word means to watch, to take heed, to guard against the subtlety of it. It is mighty dangerous, even in its smallest form. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," the Bible declares.

There are four major types of leaven exposed in the Scriptures. We are warned against the leaven of the Pharisees, of the Sadducees, of the

Herodians, and against that of malice and wickedness. Other warnings are also found in the Bible, but these are the four most dangerous forms of leaven.

## *The Leaven of the Pharisees*

The description of the leaven of the Pharisees is found in the Book of Luke, chapter 11, and in the Book of Matthew, chapter 15. The Lord described it as hypocrisy. He said: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." The description indicates that it consisted principally of empty profession, glaring inconsistency, veneer deceit, and masquerade coverup.

The Pharisees professed much, but possessed little. Their lip and life did not agree. "They say, but do not" was Christ's pronouncement. They deliberately made an empty profession. All Christians fall short of reaching the ideal in Christ in living. In human weakness we profess more than we possess. Hypocrisy is deliberate! The natives said to the missionary: "There is too much dif-

ference between *you* and your *Bible*." There is always some difference, too much. We are not perfect Christians. But the Pharisees didn't care about this, they were intentionally empty in their balloon professions. We need to be vigilant of this element of leaven. We must to the fullest of possibility live up to our motto: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." If we decide not to live up to it, then we must discard it or be guilty of hypocrisy.

"O consistency thou art a jewel." The Pharisees were guilty of tolerating glaring inconsistencies. They were lazy loafers in spiritual things. They were evaders in the essentials. They were squirmers in real service. The slogan, "Let George do it," must have originated with them. They bound heavy burdens on others, but didn't lift the little finger to do anything themselves. They talked loud, but lived a whisper. They were spiritual shirkers. "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." Unless it is an impossibility, or the Lord leads definitely against it, a Christian ought always to say: "I'll be most happy to accept this responsibility and count it a privilege to serve."

The leaven of the Pharisees always produces veneer shallowness. Christ condemned the Pharisees as "whited-sepulchres." They whitewashed the outside to cover up the filth within. Christ compared them to "wolves in sheep's clothing." They made lengthy prayers as a pretense of piety. They sewed ruffles on their robes for display attraction. Today they cut them off for the same purpose. Their "religion" was only skindeep, and the skin was very thin. Leaven always produces veneer shallowness—foam on the surface. It is a masquerade coverup because there are so many things under cover.

"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." Hypocrites are blind guides, stumbling blocks, liars, windbags. They "speak lies in hypocrisy" (I Tim 4:2). This form of leaven is becoming prevalent today. Too many are being permeated with it. Beware of even a little of it. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The time to cast it out is when it first appears. It is a living thing, fermenting and fomenting. *Beware!*





# The Threshers

By Dean Risser

*Pastor, Grace Brethren Church  
Margate, Florida*

My brother and I jumped out of bed without any prodding that morning, for the threshers were coming and we were going to help thresh the wheat! This was in the days before the combine was used very much in harvesting grain in our area of north-central Ohio. Many of the farmers still used the old-fashioned binder to cut and bundle the wheat.

After the binder had done its work and scattered the bundles of ripe wheat over the field, the farmer and his help (two boys at our place) would go through the field setting up the bundles and capping the shock with another one. After curing for some time, the wheat would be ready to run through the huge threshing machine, which would separate the grain from the straw.

Then came the big day! Neighboring farmers had been notified and came to give us a helping hand with threshing. Wagonloads of the bundles were brought in and parked beside the roaring, giant machine.

Empty wagons were taken to the field for another load, and grain was stacked and stored. A large stack was built in the barnyard from the blown straw out of the threshing machine. Activity everywhere!

The outstanding event of the day, however, was at noon when these sweating, dusty men came in and sat at the table to eat. What a table! And what food! Those chicken legs went into those mouths like bundles into the thresher! Tremendous appetites made short work of the mountains of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, pickles, and home-canned vegetables. I had never seen—or done—such eating!

The secret of the eating was the appetite; the secret of the appetite was the hard work the threshers had done.

I have seen many born-again believers with sickly appetites for the Word of God. Again, the secret of the appetite is hard work.

Many believers cannot stand such a heavy spiritual diet as Sunday school, morning worship, evening

service, prayer meeting, and then daily study of the Word of God, too! They are seeking enjoyment, fellowship, entertainment, and spiritual pleasure at church rather than hard work. Don't expect much of an appetite for the Word from them.

On the other hand, some cannot seem to get enough of the Word. They always have a question, an attentive attitude, an eagerness to serve. They are either very young Christians or devoted, mature Christians who are all out for the Lord.

Then there are some who are willing to work and hoping for a job, but no one has trained or enlisted them. Many teen-age believers are among them. They are like I was on my first job in the harvest—inexperienced. But one of the men worked with me and showed me how to do my job well, and when dinner came I was ready for it!

If you have no taste for a daily diet of the Word, you may need a bit of spiritual exercise. If you haven't a job, go ask for one! The pastor can't read your mind.

Pastor, superintendent, there are people at your elbows wanting to work but who hesitate because they are not trained. Spend some time with them, and double your effectiveness by it.

May there be a full count at your spiritual table each time the Word of God is spread before them!



# LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

COMPILED BY KENNETH E. HERMAN

## Sunday, February 24 Is Evangelism Sunday

We urge you to plan *now* for this day. Many churches are turning over the entire day to the laymen. Talk this over with your pastor now. If you have an outstanding layman speaker, use him.

### Two Goals—

- ▼The salvation of souls through an intense effort.
- ▼Receiving of gifts for the Board of Evangelism—the National Laymen have set a goal of \$3,500.

**A COMPLETE SUGGESTED  
PROGRAM HAS BEEN MAILED  
TO EACH PASTOR**

## NEWS

### ... of Laymen's Activities

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The men's fellowship of the First Brethren Church helped to remodel a home at 4029 West Third Street, which was willed to Grace Seminary by the late Mrs. Lottie Walters. Nine Saturdays were spent on the job during which a coat of paint was applied to the outside of the house, and every inside room was redecorated. New lighting fixtures were installed, floors revarnished, kitchen floor was tiled, new linoleum and water closet in the bathroom, and plumbing repaired throughout the house.

The following men helped in the project: Sam Grice, James Hodson, Richard Darby, Robert Wysong, Glenn Edwards, Fred Steele, Robert



Shown above are the laymen of the Palmyra (Pa.) church enjoying a chicken barbecue in the garage of Earl Cassel. A large number of laymen attended. The devotional speaker was Rev. Roy Dice, and the program chairman was Alvin Clawser. During the business session new officers were elected. President is Tom Teahl; vice president, Earl Cassel; secretary, Gurney Smith; and treasurer, Marlin Givens.



Shown above are the fellows of the Christian Service Brigade at the Palmyra (Pa.) church. They sang their theme song for the congregation during a recent Sunday evening service. At the extreme left is Alvin Clawser, one of the leaders; and on the extreme right with his back turned is one of the other leaders, John Plessinger, who is leading the singing.



Pictured above are the laymen who work with both groups of the Palmyra Christian Service Brigade. Left to right, Ken Kelly, Fenton Snell, Stanley Yancey, Earl Cassel, Tom Teahl, John Plessinger, Earl Haas, Harold Hoffsmith, the chairman (handing out the membership cards); and Alvin Clawser.

Photos by Allen Zook

Katzenbaugh, Grover Price, Ralph Gayman, Russell Harn, James Grice, Charles Grisso, Millard Speece, Dr. Andelauer, William Faulkner, Garry Lunsford, Mr. Hodson, and Mark Shelley. Owen Hacker was in charge of the work, and Mrs. Hacker fur-

nished lemonade on several occasions. The men feel that they increased the value of the home by at least \$2,000 to \$2,500. Owen Hacker states: "I wish to personally thank all who helped and prayed that this work could be finished."



# Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Dr. Harold H. Etling  
Director, National Sunday School Board

## Governor Accepts

Governor Mark Hatfield, recently re-elected for a second term as the Governor of the State of Oregon, has accepted the invitation to serve as the chairman of the newest program of the National Sunday School Association, "CITIZENS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL."

A leading man in the political life of his own State, he is rapidly becoming a key figure in the affairs of our Nation. His large vote in the recent election tells something of the popularity of this man among his own people.

## Governor Believes

What has all of this to do with Sunday school? Why talk about the governor of a state on the Sunday school page? Here is a man that believes in Sunday school and is willing to do something about it. He believes in Sunday school to the extent that he is the teacher of a men's Sunday-school class in his own church. He is faithful to the teaching of that class, many times driving into the late hours of Saturday night to return to his hometown after a busy schedule that has taken him away for a Saturday speaking engagement. He believes in Sunday school to the extent that he has publicly stated: "I believe the Sunday school is the greatest agency for reaching, winning, and training children and youth the church has ever known. It is also the greatest agency for conserving the efforts of evangelism."

What has all this to do with the Brethren Sunday school? Why talk about it on this page? Let me quote from a letter recently received from Governor Hatfield. He said: "I am sure you are as encouraged as I have

been with all that has taken place, but what of the future?" He had been talking about the successes that have come to the evangelical Sunday schools of America—with a doubling in the past ten or twelve years. But this is not sufficient. There are millions more that are not enrolled.



Governor Mark Hatfield

These are the Governor's concern! These are my concern! These should be your concern!

The answer could well be found in *Citizens for Sunday School*. Charles Blair, the national director for this program says: "A citizen for Sunday school is any person who regularly attending Sunday school himself, pledges to get others to attend on this basis: three to come in 1963, four more to come in 1964, and five more to come in 1965, a total of twelve persons in three years."

## Governor Invites

This is where everyone of you come into the picture. You can be a *Citizen for Sunday School*. But before we tell you how, let's make a quick check of what could happen if only 5 percent of our Sunday-school pupils would become *Citizens for Sunday School*. 5 percent of 40,000—our present enrollment, would be 2,000. This is about 50 percent of our teachers. If 2000 people would win twelve people each in the next three years for Brethren Sunday schools, our increase would be 24,000, and we would be ahead of schedule in the *Doubling in This Decade*.

I am excited over the possibilities, for I believe there are more than 5 percent of our Sunday-school pupils that will enroll.

Look at your own school. If 5 percent of a school of one hundred would enroll, this would mean only five people in the school, and in the next three years they would pledge themselves to find twelve additional people each, or a total of sixty. If every school now averaging one hundred would get 160 in the next three years, how we would praise God!

*Citizens for Sunday School Is a Reality!* You can enlist in this effort with us. Governor Mark Hatfield invites you personally to be one of the thousands that will enlist to bring at least 5 million more people into evangelical Sunday schools in America in the next three years. Governor Hatfield believes that by 1965 we will have at least one million people enrolled as *Citizens for Sunday School*, helping to bring others into our Sunday schools. Let's not wait until 1965. LET'S BEGIN NOW. Write your National Sunday school office for further details.

# BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

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Foreign Missions and WMC Issue

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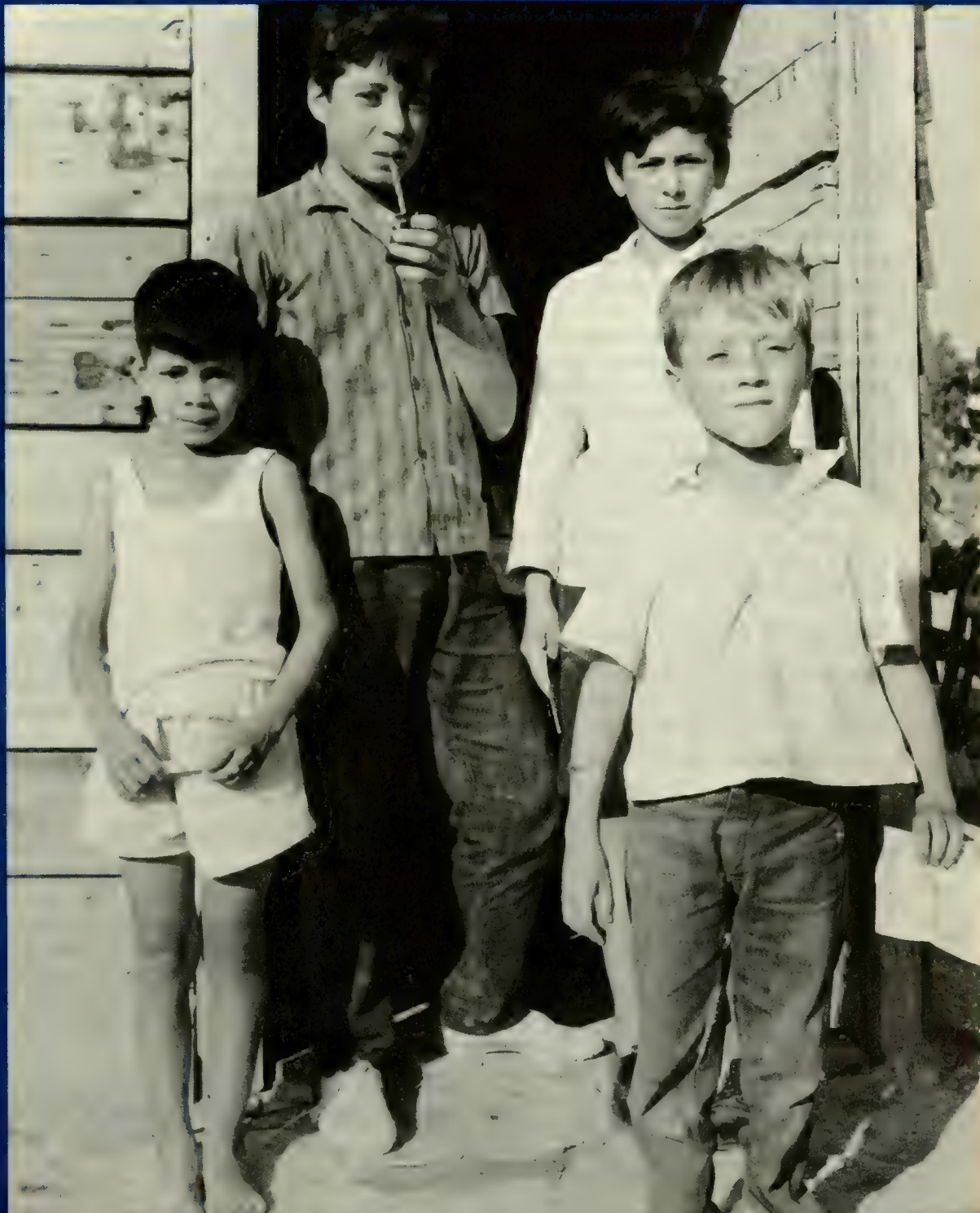
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# For Your Information

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

You may wonder why we are giving the miscellaneous bits of information found on this page. Our reply is that if you study this page, or keep it handy for reference, you may find it useful during the next few months. A clue—watch for the four FMS church bulletins being put out in this, our publicity season, February-May.

## The Biblical Basis of Missions

Volumes have been written on the "Biblical Basis of Missions." These are just a few notations to encourage all of us to believe that Missions is in the center of the will of God for His people.

In Matthew 28:7 the angel instructed the women to "go" quickly and "tell." Then in Matthew 28:19 the Great Commission tells us that "all nations" is the outreach of this endeavor.

In Acts 16:9 there is the record of God's call to the great Apostle to "Come into Macedonia." Macedonia is now called Greece, and was the place for the Gospel's first entrance into Europe.

In Acts 8:4 we are encouraged by the example of those driven from Jerusalem, who "went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 13:1-4 tells how they were sent: believers in Antioch sent them under the sending authority of the Holy Spirit.

In I Corinthians 16:9 the Apostle Paul explained the white harvest field by saying there were before him both "an open door" and "many adversaries."

In Acts 8:8 there is the record of the results. The hearers gave heed and there was "great joy." Those who give heed always experience great joy.

## Beginnings in Brethren Foreign Missions

It was not until 1900 that The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church came into being. The first field in which a testimony was established that has

continued to the present was Argentina in 1909. The first missionaries to sail for our Africa field left in 1918—just a little party of four for such a great undertaking.

Thirty-one years passed before a third field was opened—in Brazil in 1949. Missionary zeal became more widespread in our Brethren church and two more fields were opened in 1951: France and Mexico. Two years later, or in 1953, we accepted the oversight of a work that had been begun privately not long before that time—the work in Hawaii.

Our latest step in the march which our Lord commanded was our entrance into Puerto Rico in 1959.

These are our seven fields; we should have seventeen—or seventy; still the world would not be evangelized. For the present, however, we are seeking to expand the fine beginnings and stabilize all that we have.

## A General Survey of Brethren Foreign Missions

Our missionaries work in four major language areas—French, Spanish, Portuguese, and English. There are also the various languages of the field in Africa, of which Sango is most used.

We have approximately one hundred missionaries, and some 27,000 believers baptized by trine immersion in our seven fields.

When we say "Tijuana," we immediately think of Mexico; "Rio Cuarto"—Argentina. "San Juan"—Puerto Rico. "Lyon"—France. "Bangui"—Africa. "Waimalu"—Hawaii. "Icoaraci"—Brazil.

In Africa our work is located chiefly in the Central African Republic. In South America we work in two areas, Argentina and Brazil. In Europe our work is in France. Puerto Rico is an island in the Caribbean Sea, actually between the Caribbean and the Atlantic Ocean, while Hawaii in the mid-Pacific is an excellent gateway should we ever be led to move toward the Orient.

Finally, we have a field in Mexico, really on the edge of Mexico. It might be thought of as a border ministry from which many thousands of Mexicans are available.

## Past, Present, and Future

In our present ministry we are preparing for the future. We either have Bible institutes of our own, or are very closely associated with suitable institutes, in Africa, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, and France. In Hawaii and Puerto Rico the teaching is still on a person-to-person basis, but it yields results.

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## COVER PHOTO



Boys in a poorer section of a Buenos Aires, Argentina, suburb. Boy at right front holds an invitation to a meeting which missionaries have just handed him. Note boy in back who is "taking mate," a favorite Argentine beverage, from his little cup.

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**"I**n the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccles. 11:6). (Cf. Isa. 55:10-11.)

This is not aimed to be the story of a man, but of a seed—the man being important only as the bearer of the seed—and to show God's care over seed sown in one continent and brought to fruitage on the far shores of another.

Perhaps it was as a result of the spiritual stirrings of the Moody and Sankey revival in the 1870's that missionaries were sent by The Brethren Church (commonly called Dunkard) to Denmark. The work never flourished and after World War I was, I believe, written into history on the debit side as a failure.

However, the seed was sown, and among the few who received it were a young tailor and his wife. It was a real conversion to a life of separation from what had been held very dear.

At that time there was stress on the teaching of the believer not taking up the sword. His conviction being strong, this man decided that he would go to a free country where his son would not be obliged, as required in Denmark, to go into military service, which he himself escaped because of lameness.

His motto could have been: "Be sure you're right and then go ahead," and he usually was sure. I submit to you that this is a characteristic God can use, even if it sometimes causes difficult human relations.

So, against the protest of relatives and friends, in May 1883 the young couple with a son two-and-a-half years old and a daughter of six months sailed for America. It was no pleasure trip, this three weeks, and the only one who enjoyed it was the baby girl. Some of her little-girl memories are of the wonders of New York, as told by her mother.

After a few months' stay in Mount Morris, Illinois (at that time a kind of "Dunkard Heights"), where investigation was made about where to settle, the family left for Kansas. Four years were spent in Abilene, and then they went to Herington, where the



By Miss Johanna Nielsen

# The Story of a Seed

(F.M.S. editor's note: Beginning with incidents of many years ago, Miss Nielsen, retired Brethren missionary to Argentina, reflects on how the Lord used an endeavor, which was eventually branded a failure, to work in the life of her father, the late Mr. Nels "Daddy" Nielsen, and through him to reach out far and wide to the glory of the Lord.)

seed seemed to lie dormant about twenty years. But the Lord was caring for it. A frequent visitor at the tailor shop was a retired Congregational minister, much interested in prophecy. Many hours were spent in discussions, and the Blessed Hope became very precious.

Also during this time contact was made with "Progressive Brethren" in northeast Kansas. Brother Hixon, and later John Duke McFayden, came to Herington to visit the little group that was excommunicated by the "Conservatives" because of the differences that arose in the question of dress.

During these years this man, my father, became very interested in tithing, and when in 1904 a move was made to Long Beach, California, and into a new business venture with his son, personal experiences confirmed his beliefs and he became an earnest advocate. Doubtless some of our older Brethren will remember his series of articles published in *The Brethren Evangelist*. Actually, a "tithing league" was formed, and I believe there were several hundred who joined it.

Since for many years he had not been able to attend a Brethren church, though always active in one of the local churches, Daddy's desire was to settle near La Verne (Lordsburg), where there was the only Brethren church in Southern California. But the business opening presented itself not in Pomona, but in Long Beach, and here the roots went down deep.

About this time two older Brethren preachers (Jonathan Myers and Brother Eshelman) were living in Los Angeles and wanting to start a work there. Soon contact was made with them, and plans were underway to start a work. A small church was built on Miles Street. For seven years Daddy was superintendent of the Sunday school, traveling on the Pacific Electric cars from Long Beach to Los Angeles, never missing a Sunday. It was during this time that a branch Sunday school was started on Compton Avenue (later the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles), and he went there and superintended in the afternoon. I think it was at this time that starting new Brethren churches became his passion.

It was also at this time (1911) that Louis S. Bauman held a meeting in the Miles Street church, where A. V. Kimmell was pastor (neither one had yet received his D.D.)—a meeting which became a turning point in many lives.

No doubt the desire for a church right in Long Beach had been in Daddy's heart for a long time, but now he felt the right man was available. Also, he felt that the Lord had prospered him so that he could assume some financial responsibility.

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# Fifth Annual Conference of African Brethren Churches

## VIEWED BY MISSIONARY DON HOCKING

"Ouch, our aching sacroiliacs. Easy, Mister, easy, on these bad roads!"

Horrible roads didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm as 338 delegates from 200 churches, plus 1,500 other believers, met at Batangafo for the Fifth Annual General Conference of African Brethren Churches, November 20-23, 1962. Although people had to travel further to get to Batangafo than any of our other conferences, it was the best attended.

Coming from near (Bouca—60 miles) and far (Boda—362 miles), by bus, car, truck, bicycle, or foot, these delegates streamed to Batangafo and received a gala reception. The blessings received at the conference more than compensated for the difficulties of the journey.

The Batangafo church can crowd in about 1,400 people, but many sat outside during the general sessions. (See picture.) Fortunately, there were organizational meetings during the mornings and afternoons, which met outside under the trees and facilitated seating. The youth (boys and girls separated), the laymen, laywomen, and pastors all enjoyed helpful sessions. These organizational meetings were given over to reports, classes (new material, new ideas, instruction, and so forth), fellowship,

and fun. Banners were placed inside and outside the church to encourage interest in these various branches of the church, and each member of a different organization wore an identifying badge.

An unusual aspect of the conference was the abundance of everything. Batangafo believers had built over 250 grass huts for the delegates. Some houses were not used. The OTN (Women of Good News) of the Batangafo district, singing lustily, marched in formation three times a day bringing food on their heads to the delegates. The delegates, filled to the brim, stated: "We can't eat it all."

"More food than you can eat?"

"Yes, mister."

This was indeed unusual. Missionaries enjoyed an abundance of fish, eggs, and chicken. It was delicious. No one could thank the Batangafo believers enough. Their generosity, kindness, and love will not be easily forgotten.

Three Bible messages each day enriched and blessed the hearts and lives of those attending. There was an abundance of music as well, as the people expressed their joy and thankfulness in song. The missionaries heard the singing far into the morning hours.

However, in contrast to this abundance, delegates discussed two pressing needs—missionaries and literature.

A tape from Pastor Simon Nambouzouina (in America at present) impressed the delegates with the amount of books that we have about the Bible in the United States. As Pastor Nambouzouina expressed it: "How can a few missionaries give us all the material that we need?" A resolution was passed that Pastor Nambouzouina be the official African delegate to the American National Conference at Winona Lake this year (1963) and that he ask for more missionaries to come to help produce literature and to teach.

Our missionary force has dropped almost half in the years from 1957 to 1962. Today our two main responsibilities in the Central African Republic are teaching and producing literature. Almost all missionaries are engaged in one or the other or both. We need teachers. We need writers. And we need those who can teach the Africans how to become teachers and writers. Some of us who are not gifted in writing have had to undertake responsibilities outside of our talents because of the lack of personnel.

The Africans are praying for more missionaries and more material. They believe God is going to answer their prayers in one way or another.

Returning delegates stated: "Our hearts are all filled with joy. Conference is a wonderful thing—an example of the wedding feast we will have some day with our Saviour."

## VIEWED BY PASTOR PAUL MOEHAMGBAN

The General Conference of Brethren Churches at Batangafo the 20th through the 23d of November, 1962, was truly a wonderful thing.

The next noon, after arriving, the OTN (Women of Good News) from different sections of the village, wearing red dresses with white collars, came bringing food in big pans on their heads. They had fried fish and other food in the pans. They were marching and singing. When you saw them, you thought—these are really "Women of Good News."



The Batangafo church at conference time



Each morning at 5:30, everyone went to church to pray and to hear God's Word. Different choirs sang songs. The church was full. At 8:00 a.m. different groups met. The Flambeaux sang, repeated their motto, gave reports, learned new things, and marched. As you watched them, you too wanted to become a Flambeau (name for boys work).

The TTN (Soldiers of Good News) met under another tree. They sang, said their motto, saluted, marched, and looked like real soldiers. They all played games and did different exercises to strengthen their bodies. They learned verses to strengthen their souls.

The "Aita ti Lumiere" (name for girls work) met under another mango tree. They recited their motto, repeated their Bible verses, sang songs, and marched around the church. They wore pretty green shirts. They really looked nice! They didn't just play either. They helped the pastor's wife by carrying wood and water, and they cooked food, too.

The OTN (Women of Good News) met every day, too. A new handbook, the 1963 lesson books, and their new OTN buttons were presented to them. There were about 250 women that met. They were all filled with joy and really sang well.

The meetings of the licensed and ordained elders also brought much joy. Many have really matured in the work of the Lord. Others are still young like Timothy, the son in the faith of the Apostle Paul. The pastors voted a missionary to become president of the ministerium and an African pastor, vice president. Old and young alike had wonderful fellowship like real brethren.

People really wanted to buy books! They gathered around the little fenced-in area where they were selling books. There were so many they couldn't all get to the front. They bought Bibles, convert books, and many other good books.

Then came the delegates' meeting. Everyone rushed to get a good seat in the church. Each had a delegate card in his hand received at registration. The delegates couldn't vote without their cards. The delegates selected a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and advisory

committee. All decisions were written down by the secretary.

Everyone was happy to hear the voices of Pastors Nambouzouina, Samarin, and Taber on a tape sent from America to the conference. After hearing the tape, the conference voted Pastor Nambouzouina to go to the Brethren National Conference at Winona Lake in August 1963 as an official delegate from the Brethren in the Republic of Central Africa and the Tchad.

Just before the close of the conference, the president, Levi Bouzou, the pastor from Yaloke, asked two pastors and two women to come forward and pray. They thanked the Lord for a good conference and prayed for safety on the road home. There were many who came to the conference and returned. God took care of everyone.

The General Conference at Batafango was the best yet. The people couldn't eat all the food. There was plenty of water to drink and to bathe. They sang, had fun, and heard the Word gladly. There were other things, too, that I haven't mentioned. Jesus was in our midst at the conference, just like He said: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

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## The Story . . .

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So, he persuaded the district mission board to send their tent (a new one) to Long Beach. There were six Brethren in Long Beach. One of them had a vision.

So it was that in October 1912 the Bauman family (Louis S., Retta Virginia, Iva, and Paul) came to our home, and a lifelong friendship was established. More important, there was the tent meeting at Tenth and Walnut. And, again Daddy was sure that the Lord would call out a people for His name—an assurance that proved fully justified, for even in that meeting the Lord drew into the group a number of people who became outstanding not only in the local church, but also in the brotherhood.

Brother Bauman promised to come

back and serve as pastor for one year—after he had finished the evangelistic commitments he already had—and in the spring of 1913 he returned. The rest of the story is a familiar one to many.

Under Dr. Bauman's ministry and that of his successor, Dr. Charles W. Mayes, many souls have been saved; many workers have gone forth from these doors to "scatter the precious seed" in our land and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Could we trace these seeds, as it was possible to trace *one*, what wondrous things we might hear.

I am sure those who sent out the missionaries to Denmark in the 1870's, would be much surprised to know that their "failure" is still producing fruit—thirty-, sixty-, even one hundredfold, in Long Beach, California. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

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## For Your . . .

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We are operating Christian day schools in Africa and Brazil, and look toward the establishment of such in some of the other fields.

Our peak offering in Brethren Foreign Missions was in 1961, with an offering of about \$346,000. In 1962 we came in second best with only \$327,000. Prospects in 1963 are good and early returns look in the direction of gaining back our losses and exceeding the offering even of 1961.

Brethren from our board visited Puerto Rico, Brazil, and Argentina in the latter part of 1962.

The need for missionary recruits is very urgent in most of our fields, especially in Africa right now. We recommend that our Brethren people use the "faith-promise" or "prayer-goal" plan of giving. Ask the Lord to lead you as to what He would have you give; then to enable you to do it. We are not setting the amount we should increase. We trust the Lord to do that. We are only praying that each person in our Brethren churches will purpose to INCREASE in prayer support and in giving to Brethren Foreign Missions in 1963.



# ANNUAL OFFERING REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1962 TO DECEMBER 31, 1962

## ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

Accident, Md.	\$ 526.00
Aleppo, Pa.	674.85
Grafton, W. Va.	121.67
Jenners, Pa.	1,078.08
Listie, Pa.	1,903.84
Meyersdale, Pa.	2,548.14
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	174.66
Parkersburg, W. Va.	471.65
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	60.76
Uniontown, Pa.	1,335.73
Washington, Pa.	310.22
Allegheny District, Misc.	45.00
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## EAST DISTRICT

Altoona, Pa. (First)	1,198.86
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	748.83
Conemaugh, Pa.	2,685.73
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	4,548.25
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	951.23
Duncansville, Pa.	2,426.84
Everett, Pa.	1,617.22
Holidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	1,521.79
Hopewell, Pa.	291.71
Jefferson Center, Pa.	252.58
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	5,331.14
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	155.75
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	360.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	3,042.04
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	246.04
Martinsburg, Pa.	1,490.57
East District, Misc.	510.00
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## INDIANA DISTRICT

Arbury Hills, Ill.	15.00
Barbee Lakes, Ind.	100.00
Berne, Ind.	3,720.58
Clay City, Ind.	532.35
Elkhart, Ind.	1,111.16

Flora, Ind.	1,900.62
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	4,534.37
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	321.19
Goshen, Ind.	700.00
Kokomo, Ind.	88.29
Leesburg, Ind.	813.30
Mount Prospect, Ill.	71.17
Osceola, Ind.	4,174.20
Peru, Ind.	930.00
Sellersburg, Ind.	75.58
Sidney, Ind.	916.10
South Bend, Ind.	1,824.41
Warsaw, Ind.	2,890.54
Wheaton, Ill.	872.15
Winona Lake, Ind.	6,122.66
Indiana District, Misc.	554.92
	<hr/> 32,268.59

## IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa	638.36
Dallas Center, Iowa	2,587.75
Davenport, Iowa	32.16
Garwin, Iowa	1,820.04
Leon, Iowa	377.94
North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)	193.45
Waterloo, Iowa	3,934.93
Winona, Minn.	166.50
Iowa District, Misc.	167.03
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## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich.	450.14
Berrien Springs, Mich.	183.41
Grand Rapids, Mich.	121.88
Hastings, Mich.	25.00
Jackson, Mich.	79.81
Lake Odessa, Mich.	1,490.65
Lansing, Mich.	411.80
New Troy, Mich.	651.00
Ozark, Mich.	210.01
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## MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	449.72
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Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	1,612.32
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	274.03
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	3,386.74
Martinsburg, W. Va.	1,023.54
Seven Fountains, Va.	81.00
Washington, D. C. (First)	1,734.67
Washington, D. C. (Grace)	307.50
Waynesboro, Pa.	4,605.95
Winchester, Va.	2,612.20
Mid-Atlantic District, Misc.	94.94
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## MIDWEST DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex.	170.16
Arvada, Colo.	29.12
Beaver City, Nebr.	157.10
Cheyenne, Wyo.	361.73
Cuba, N. Mex.	90.46
Denver, Colo.	821.73
Portis, Kans.	2,503.89
Taos, N. Mex.	254.07
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## NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Allentown, Pa.	877.15
Harrisburg, Pa.	923.51
Hatboro, Pa.	488.25
Lancaster, Pa.	1,008.95
Palmyra, Pa.	1,709.40
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	5,984.79
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	4,680.65
York, Pa.	1,353.93
Northern Atlantic District, Misc.	57.75
	<hr/> 17,084.38

## NOR-CAL DISTRICT

Chico, Calif.	732.30
Modesto, Calif. (Community)	430.76
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	5,563.42
Sacramento, Calif.	208.50
San Jose, Calif.	930.72
Tracy, Calif.	430.35
Nor-Cal District, Misc.	11.00
	<hr/> 8,307.05

## NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	573.72
Akron, Ohio (First)	2,673.57
Ankenytown, Ohio	1,392.73
Ashland, Ohio	7,554.25

## Brethren Foreign Missions

Canton, Ohio	1,900.50
Cleveland, Ohio	762.31
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	1,177.50
Danville, Ohio	1,036.16
Elyria, Ohio	322.33
Findlay, Ohio	1,228.72
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	1,194.40
Galion, Ohio	91.50
Homerville, Ohio	1,183.23
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	9,016.81
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	753.97
Middlebranch, Ohio	5,327.54
Norton Village, Ohio	506.03
Rittman, Ohio	5,932.18
Sterling, Ohio	837.25
Wooster, Ohio	10,324.07
Northern Ohio District, Misc.	104.26
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### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Albany, Oreg.	701.68
Grandview, Wash.	752.17
Harrah, Wash.	1,486.14
Portland, Oreg.	275.09
Seattle, Wash.	510.32
Spokane, Wash.	187.80
Sunnyside, Wash.	4,899.13
Toppenish, Wash.	307.42
Yakima, Wash.	337.77
Northwest District, Misc.	25.00
	<hr/> 9,482.52

### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Boone's Mill, Va.	75.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,860.10
Covington, Va.	849.10
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	4,141.38
Hollins, Va.	489.19
Johnson City, Tenn.	245.72
Limestone, Tenn.	602.50
Margate, Fla.	210.51
Radford, Va.	350.20
Riner, Va.	34.21
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	389.20
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	105.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	1,895.00
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	380.37
Virginia Beach, Va.	182.55
Southeast District, Misc.	20.00
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### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA- ARIZONA DISTRICT

Anaheim, Calif.	626.35
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Artesia, Calif.	166.05
Beaumont, Calif.	2,526.24
Bell, Calif.	676.45
Bellflower, Calif.	1,434.57
Compton, Calif.	2,797.27
Fallbrook, Calif.	548.18
Fillmore, Calif.	666.78
Gardena, Calif.	392.70
Glendale, Calif.	830.24
Inglewood, Calif.	5,132.30
La Habra, Calif.	283.00
La Verne, Calif.	1,827.04
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	17,574.77
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	2,731.54
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	18,069.40
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	1,339.65
Montclair, Calif.	428.74
Norwalk, Calif.	4,139.13
Paramount, Calif.	1,737.06
Phoenix, Ariz.	1,223.60
Rialto, Calif.	782.33
San Bernardino, Calif.	386.81
San Diego, Calif.	273.23
Seal Beach, Calif.	771.81
Simi, Calif.	100.50
South Gate, Calif.	822.08
South Pasadena, Calif.	1,247.50
Temple City, Calif.	197.45
Tucson, Ariz.	152.53
West Covina, Calif.	100.00
Westminster, Calif.	265.49
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	6,196.31
Whittier, Calif. (First)	3,109.93
Brethren Schools, Long Beach, Calif.	301.62
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### SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Brookville, Ohio	90.21
Camden, Ohio	307.82
Centerville, Ohio	30.00
Clayhole, Ky.	95.38
Clayton, Ohio	2,516.99
Covington, Ohio	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,339.89
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	170.41
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	67.57
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	11,613.13
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	1,302.35
Englewood, Ohio	1,490.98
Kettering, Ohio	324.06
Trotwood, Ohio	745.29
Troy, Ohio	667.12
Vandalia, Ohio	973.70
West Alexandria, Ohio	82.09
Southern Ohio District, Misc.	133.05
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### MISCELLANEOUS

Grace College and Seminary	1,443.62
Hawaii	1,127.85
National Miscellaneous	2,772.81
National SMM	834.81
National WMC	10,555.58
North English, Iowa (Calvary)	1,521.24
Puerto Rico	34.74
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Total Gifts to F.M.S. ... 327,711.85

### CHURCH GIFTS EXCEEDING \$3,000

Long Beach, Calif. (North)	18,069.40
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	17,574.77
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	11,613.13
Wooster, Ohio	10,324.07
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	9,016.81
Ashland, Ohio	7,554.25
Whittier, Calif. (Com.)	6,196.31
Winona Lake, Ind.	6,122.66
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	5,984.79
Rittman, Ohio	5,932.18
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	5,563.42
Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,339.89
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	5,331.14
Middlebranch, Ohio	5,327.54
Inglewood, Calif.	5,132.30
Sunnyside, Wash.	4,899.13
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	4,680.65
Waynesboro, Pa.	4,605.95
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	4,548.25
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	4,534.37
Osceola, Ind.	4,174.20
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	4,141.38
Norwalk, Calif.	4,139.13
Waterloo, Iowa	3,934.93
Berne, Ind.	3,720.58
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	3,386.74
Whittier, Calif. (First)	3,109.93
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	3,042.04



# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director

Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



On his recent trip to Argentina Uncle Clyde saw many interesting things, and he wants to tell you about them.

One day he visited the cemetery at Corral de Bustos on the "Day of the Dead." This is a day when all the people take flowers to the graves of their loved ones. It is like our Memorial Day, only they also take their lunch and stay all day. Uncle Clyde had his picture taken with the caretaker. They are standing in front of crypts (places where bodies are put).

Taking *mate* in Argentina is a favorite pastime. Here you see Rev. Luis Siccardi, one of our national pastors, drinking *mate* from his little cup. It is made from a type of strong tea. Boiling water is poured over the leaves to make *mate*.

Here comes the milkman! Looks a little different from your milkman, doesn't he? But that is the way milk is sold down there. You just ask for so much, and he pours it out of his big can. If he doesn't have enough milk to go around, he adds a little water!

These are some of the things that are "different" in Argentina. But, it is a lot like our country in many ways. Pray for these people, MH'ers, for they, too, need Christ!



## MARY MISSIONARY—

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(Translated  
by Mrs.  
Roy  
Snyder)  
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Monique

# SNATCHED...

## *from the hand of death*

The true thing that snatched me out of the hand of death was the prayer of the believers.

This sickness started in August 1961. My legs, my arms, and my neck swelled. There was no medicine in the local hospital for this. I searched in vain. In 1962 (April) it got very bad. They sent me to the hospital in Bangui, the capital city. There was no medicine there either. I remained in the hospital five months. Every day I read the Word of God and prayed. I thanked the Lord that I had the time to read His Word very much. I read Proverbs and Psalms and many other books of the Bible.

A woman right next to me asked: "Why do you pray and give thanks to God when your body hurts so much and is swollen? You can't even turn your neck."

I said that all that has come upon me has come from God's hand.

Very few people came to see me. My thoughts were upon the Lord.

They sent me to Brazzaville, near the mouth of the Congo River. It was my first time in an airplane. It was comfortable. It didn't tire me. Only when the plane started to come down, my heart rose up and I thought I would die. But I arrived safely.

When they put me in the hospital, I didn't know the language there at

all. I sat as a dumb person among them. They started to give me medicine and put me in X-ray. After that I was under the machine every day for radium (or cobalt) treatments. After two weeks, the swelling gradually went down. When the doctor wanted to operate, it was almost gone. He was glad. I continued to have treatments. On the 22d of August, at seven o'clock in the morning, I was lying under the machine when I lost consciousness. When they took me out from under it, they said I was dead. I wasn't breathing. They put me in the room with others awaiting burial. They measured me for a coffin. At eleven o'clock at night, the nurse on duty passed by me. Her daughter's name is Monique, like mine, and she liked me very much. She touched me and called my name. She was startled when I answered and opened my eyes. She telephoned for the doctor. Four of them came. They gave me shots and called for a stretcher. But I walked to my room by myself.

In the morning, everyone surrounded my bed and asked: "How did you revive from the dead? Did you arrive at the village of God? What's it like? How did you return?"

No, I told them, a person cannot go there and return. This sickness held me tightly and I couldn't breathe. It wasn't true death.

The hospital arranged to send me home to Bangui right away. Many believers surrounded me and prayed for me. The thing that snatched me out of the hand of death was the prayers of the believers there and at home. When they saw me, they gave glory to God and said it was a miracle.

While my friends and relatives were crying and sorrowing because of the news of my death, I arrived among them! What joy! But when they saw my body, they fled from me. My flesh was spoiled; it stood up in sores all over me. A taxi driver refused to take me from the airport. He thought I had smallpox.

I went home to Bouca, and everyone there gave glory to God. I have had many more shots. My body is better, the sores are gradually disappearing, but the real sickness is still with me.

I'm like the gbangule tree in the forest. It knows that even though a forest fire comes and burns it, it burns only the outside. Its heart remains alive. I know that the hard things that come upon the believer, can destroy the body but not the soul.

Soi is another tree in the forest. It argued with the gbangule tree. It said it would not burn either. But when the forest fire came, it burned and there was nothing left but ashes.

The gbangule tree asked it, "But why did you burn?"

He replied: "The hard thing found me. I tried to stand, but it destroyed me."

Today many believers are like this. Something hard comes to them, no one is there to help and they fall. I am learning that when our heart rests upon Jesus, we won't fall.

David said in the Psalms: "Whoever puts his heart on the Eternal One, He will save him in the hard thing."

While I lay in the hospital, my heart was stayed on God. Today, too, my heart stays on Him and His great love.

Moongunza Monique



# Down to Business . . . in 1963

By Mrs. Forest Leistner, Berne, Indiana

## **LET'S TAKE INVENTORY**

The beginning of a new year in any business means taking inventory. Certainly we, in the most important business of life—the business of Christianity—need to take inventory too.

## **NOTHING, YET EVERYTHING**

What do we have in stock? Nothing, yet everything! "What kind of foolishness is this?" you say. We must realize that we are nothing and have absolutely nothing in ourselves. "It is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." But we have everything and all power through Him. With Paul we can say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." With this kind of inventory, our shelf of supplies will never be empty.

## **CONSULT SENIOR PARTNER**

Having taken inventory, let us next consider the methods of running our business wisely. Regardless of the inventory, many businesses fail because of poor management. The wise person in a good business consults the Senior Partner. In order to run the business of the Christian life, we must consult God daily and follow His direction. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Daily prayer and Bible reading will keep us in touch with the Senior partner and will help us to carry on the business of Christianity.

## **BE HAPPY, LOVING, AND HONEST**

Good business people are happy and considerate. They show a spirit of love and honesty in all their dealings. Let us be happy in God's business. "Serve the Lord with gladness." "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God." Let us be "providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." Let us live this year so that others may see the love of Christ in us and want to know Him too.

## **PUT EVERYTHING INTO THE BUSINESS**

Successful businessmen and -women put everything they have in their businesses to make them work and increase. It is uppermost in their minds and thoughts. It comes first! Are we helping to enlarge His kingdom by our work in His business? Remember, we have all power through Him. May we use that power in intercessory prayer to enlarge His work this year.

## **THERE WILL BE UPSETS**

Every business has upsets and perilous times along the way. God and His way will not fail, but we are bound to have upsets because we allow Satan to discourage and defeat us. These turmoils come because we fail to always put complete trust in God, but we must not let them keep us from our main purpose of living for Christ.

## **SUCCEED FOR GOD THIS YEAR**

Let us during this year of 1963 by God's help, as we await His coming, be more successful in the Christian life than ever before. We can do this by using the unlimited inventory of God's power and letting Him manage our lives for His glory.

# WMC

## Offering Goal

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY—Christian Education Offering, \$3,500. Send before March 10. One-half toward furnishing of kitchen appliances for new college dormitory. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council for general expense. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for general expense.

(WMC editor's note: This is one of the goals of WMC women all over the United States. The following notes were compiled by Mrs. Robert Deloe of Winona Lake, Indiana, to be printed in the Indiana District Gazette of which she is editor.)

### GRACE COLLEGE

As I look out of my office window every day, I see a dream materializing as the walls of the women's dormitory reach up higher and the various parts of the building take shape.

This week our building committee met with representatives from a restaurant supply house to consider the outfitting of the kitchen area. I was staggered at the cost of kitchen equipment until I stopped to realize that this kitchen is to serve a rather large family. It does take bigger ovens, bigger kettles, freezers, dishwashers, grills, and so on for 300, rather than for the usual size family. Although the building will house only women, both men and women will eat in the dining room. This means that next year three meals per day for 300 students will be prepared in this new dormitory kitchen.

How wonderful it is to know that once again the WMC is shouldering a load for the school in the interest of the young lives that are being trained. Every building on our campus bears testimony to the foresight, thoughtfulness, and generosity of the WMC. WMC has chosen to help with an area which may not sound quite as glamorous as a lounge, but which is, in my estimation, one of the most important areas of the dorm; that is, the kitchen.

Our aim in choosing equipment is to achieve good service, durability, and economy of operation, but not

luxury. Even so, the cost runs into thousands of dollars. We praise God for the help of WMC, hoping the ladies will soon have a chance to sample the products of this kitchen. And we hope there will be reward in the gratitude of hundreds of young people trained at Grace College for the service of our Lord.

*Ava Schnittjer, Dean of Women*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

I have given my life to this ministry because through the Sunday school we have the greatest evangelistic opportunity to reach people for Christ. Sunday schools of America actually have the great missionary outreach of doubling in this decade. This means there are 40 million who are not now under the sound of the Gospel in America that could be reached. Then too, this is the one institution in the world that permits every Christian to actually obey the Great Commission. We do not ask you to send others as your substitute, but rather challenge you to do your part to get the Gospel out right here. This way we will have many more to help get the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Your National Sunday School Board has the basic purpose of getting the Gospel to as many people as possible. We publish helps for teachers, conduct clinics and workshops to give direction to them, hold an annual convention to inspire and give practical aid. All of this adds up to the fact that our department has a continuing need for additional staff members to get the job done, and

additional equipment with which to work.

The gifts of the WMC's across America have helped us through many financial crises. As we receive your gifts this year, we promise to use them carefully so that the most might be accomplished with them. We trust that through your gifts the Gospel may be extended to those who are without Christ and that the church which we love dearly may be built up in Him.

*Harold Etling,*  
*National Sunday School Director*

### NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

One out of every five people in The Brethren Church is a teen-ager; one out of every twenty is a college-age student. One out of every thirty people is a youth leader or a pastor. It is with these people that we work in our ministry.

To the teen-agers we publish the "Teenage Times" each month; to the college-age young people, we publish the "University Letter" each month; and to the youth leader and pastor, we publish the "Leads for Leaders," a quarterly publication in notebook form.

We also publish a Youth Partner letter to our many friends who faithfully support our work each month. We are very grateful to the WMC for their gracious contributions to our work. Your support means so much to us. The Sisterhood of Mary and Martha for girls and the Christian Service Brigade for boys are also sponsored by our work. National Achievement Competition is another phase of the National Youth Council, which includes Bible quizzing, Speech and Music competition. National Youth Week is also a part of our ministry, and during this week we supply youth materials and church bulletins for the various churches.

This gives you one view of our work. However, we have failed to mention all the work which is done in the areas of counseling, coordinating, and challenging the youth work of our church. We greatly appreciate the faithful support of the WMC through the years.

*Dave Hocking,*  
*National Youth Director*





By Mrs. Richard Placeway

Parkersburg, West Virginia

## An Experience That Drew Me Close to the Lord

There are many lessons we as Christians can learn from the Apostle Paul and his life of service for our Lord. One that has been difficult for me to learn, and for others too I'm sure, is found in Philippians 4: 11: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." At times I have rationalized in my own mind and said if this means in the State of Indiana or West Virginia or even the state of confusion I should make the best of the situation and try to be content and happy, but I must confess that it has not been easy.

In thinking and praying for some time about the experience that drew me close to the Lord that I might share with you readers—this one came to me quickly and not one soon to be forgotten.

For almost a year I was unable to speak or sing because of a hoarseness that started while we were at National Conference and continued off and on for that period of time. I had consulted our family doctor many times, and the only thing he could tell me was that because of the location in which we live it was something I would just have to learn to live with. At the time I chose to call this my "thorn in the flesh," but believe me this was a "state" hard in which to be content. After eleven months and several doctors later the final verdict was that I had to be absolutely quiet for three weeks at the minimum, and possibly five months. That meant that every conversation had to be written down on paper—no answering the telephone—no "hollering" at the children—not even a whisper for that period of time. Any of you that knew me very well know that this was a huge order, for I love to talk, plus the fact that my husband pastors a very busy,

growing home-mission church which entails a lot of talking. Because of the seriousness of the situation I wasn't permitted to do any of my work or take care of the needs of my family in any way. Needless to say our life became quite complicated, and it meant my husband had added responsibility.

Everyone cooperated very well, for which I am very grateful. Our two active boys even realized that all mommy could do was clap her hands or snap her fingers and they had to obey. I do believe they got along much better, but of course I kept our trusty paddle close by in case of emergencies.

At the same time *Reader's Digest* ran an article about a prominent judge that was given the same ultimatum, and he had to keep silent for six months. This was a source of encouragement to me. But all that time to think and read, and not be able to share your thoughts with anyone but the Lord! Now you men are thinking, oh, if that would only happen to my wife so she would be still for a while, but take it from one that knows from experience, my husband

was the first to say it was hard to carry on a one-way conversation. This experience surely brings to mind the many times I had failed to witness for Christ—also the times I was asked to sing and refused for some reason or the other. And then came the verse again: "In whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." To be able to communicate with no one but the Lord for three weeks is truly an experience that brings us closer to Him.

This was a time in my life when I promised the Lord that if and when He saw fit to restore my voice to me again that I would not refuse to sing again or speak for Him. There have been times since then when I've been tempted to say: "No, I have all I can do"; then this experience comes to my mind, and I try with the help He has promised to supply us to accomplish the job that has been asked of me to do. As a result of this I have been greatly strengthened in my Christian life, and my service for our wonderful Lord has been more fruitful. Truly I can say: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9).

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## WMC News

GLENDAL, CALIF. The annual Missionary Birthday Banquet was sponsored by the WMC of the First Brethren Church last fall with Rev. Robert E. A. Miller as master of ceremonies. Husbands and friends shared the fine turkey dinner and the program using the talents of people from our own congregation.

We were fortunate to have as our missionary speaker, Rev. Edward Miller, who brought a most interesting and challenging message with

pictures on the Lord's work in Brazil.

The program included a solo by Mrs. Dean Wells, two numbers by "The Four Flats," a newly organized mixed quartet (Mr. and Mrs. Bill Young and Mr. and Mrs. Don Story, who recently became members of our church), and a number by an instrumental quartet composed of some of our youth. This was their first appearance. Then to "whet the mental appetite" we had a written quiz on what might be served for the Thanksgiving dinner.

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Miss Bertha Abel, WMC "Birthday Missionary," testifies that

## THE LORD WANTED HER TO BE A MISSIONARY

By Mrs. Don Wardell

"People in so-called 'heathen' lands who have never heard about Christ have no erroneous ideas or beliefs in regard to Him and His teachings," says Miss Bertha Abel. "But," she continues, "the minds of the Argentines—with the exception of the Indians in the extreme north and south—are filled to overflowing with these erroneous beliefs, not only in regard to what they believe about Christ, but also as to what they think we believe about Him, and so they are prejudiced against us and against what we teach. There is also a large group that has been disillusioned by the 'spiritual' leaders of the country and so have rejected all forms of Christianity. Added to this is the fact that the minds of the people are confused, for the Roman Catholics, the 'evangelicals,' plus the entire list of the false sects, all try to convince them that what *they* teach is the truth. This is the spiritual condition and need of the Argentines. Only the Lord through the prayers of His children can work in their hearts."

Bertha Abel is a native Hoosier, having been born in Indianapolis, and always lived in Indiana until her departure for the mission field. Her first contacts with Catholicism came when as a young child she lived in a Roman Catholic neighborhood. As the only Protestant children in the area, Bertha and her brother sometimes had playmates, and sometimes not; never did they have one they could consider a true friend. When once for over a year the entire family went to live with grandmother and an aunt in a Protestant neighborhood, that proved to be the time Bertha remembers as the happiest period of her childhood.

It was Bertha's privilege to be born to Christian parents. Although their church had become modernistic, the family was very faithful in attend-

ance. However, she grew up believing—as do so many young people—that because of this background she was a Christian herself. After all, she had gone to Sunday school and church all her life, she believed all the teachings of the Bible (the ones she knew), and she had never done anything especially bad. But then her brother, a bit older than Bertha, came to know Christ as his personal Saviour. And he started telling his sister that she too was a sinner and needed to be saved. He persuaded her to go several times to a rescue mission where he had been helping. Finally, there at the mission following an evangelistic service Bertha realized her need of the Saviour, and she accepted the Lord. She was fifteen at that time.

Bertha went on to finish high school, and furthered her education at Indiana University. She relates: "It was during my senior year at college that the Lord began calling me to the mission field. The first time it was through the message of a missionary on furlough. During and after the message I really wanted to accept the call; but after the 'effect' of the message wore off, my thinking was, 'I wouldn't mind too much being a missionary, but I would rather not be.' A few months later I saw a missionary film, and again the Lord spoke to me. My thinking now changed to: 'I would like to be a missionary *as much as* something else.' After graduation the Lord spoke to me a third time and this time through the biography of a famous and dedicated missionary. And from then on I didn't want to be anything but a missionary.

"I entered Grace Theological Seminary knowing it was a very fundamental one, but not knowing that it was the seminary of The Brethren Church. In fact, I knew nothing of



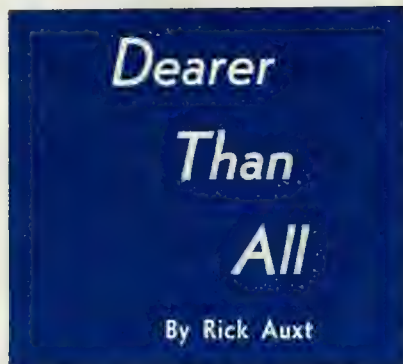
Miss Bertha Abel

The Brethren Church, and hadn't even known it existed until just a few months before when I was at Winona Lake the last week of August and saw the banner announcing the national conference. During the time I was in seminary, I was convinced of the teachings of the Brethren and became a member of the church at Winona Lake.

"I knew the Lord wanted me to be a missionary, but I wasn't sure where. I applied to The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, and the members of the board suggested that I look toward Argentina as my field of service. The way was not open for me to leave for the field until two years after graduation from seminary, but the Lord had a purpose in even that. During those two years I worked as bookkeeper in a furniture store, adding the practical experience acquired on the job to what I had been taught about bookkeeping in college, thus preparing me much better for my work as bookkeeper on the field."

With furlough following her second term now past due, she will be returning to the United States within a few months. But her love for the Argentine people and for her work among them is so genuine that already she is looking toward the time when furlough will be over and she will be able to return "home" to Argentina. Pray that the Lord may guide in all details concerning the furlough and her return.





One day last fall a friend of mine received a notice in her mailbox stating that since she showed the most potential as a musician, her financial debt was paid in full by a person whom she had heard much about, but never had an occasion to meet.

I would like to relate to you a similar incident from the course of my own experience through which I met a Friend whom I shall never forget, although I have never seen Him.

I was just a young boy, seven years old, to be exact, when I finally realized that I had a debt which I could never hope to repay. If my debt went unpaid, I would have to die and suffer in hell forever. Then one day in Vacation Bible School I heard about One who paid my debt so that I could spend eternity in heaven. He paid my debt not because I was worthy, but because He loved me so much that He was even willing to die for me, a worthless sinner.

Naturally, as time went by, I was curious to find out more about my Friend and His love for me. The most important lesson I had to learn, was how I could love someone whom I had never seen. Upon realizing that He saved my life, I couldn't help but love Him.

When I realize how much He has suffered because of me, and yet how patient He has been, I love Him all the more. No matter how often I fail Him, He always forgives and forgets. He is my refuge and strength, a very present help when I am in trouble. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

I have no other friend like Jesus. He is more than life to me. He is my physician, my psychologist, my teacher, and employer. He is the only friend I have who has never forsaken me for the twinkling of an eye.

So often when we are away from loved ones, communication is difficult and correspondence seems to slack off after a period of time. In Christ there is no problem, for we can talk to Him at any time, anywhere Jesus is the joy of living.

I love Christ because He is perfect. He is the only one who has power over sin and the grave. Some day I shall be like Him, and I shall see Him as He is. If I remain faithful to Him, He will some day reward me with things which man cannot conceive in his finite mind. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9).

How could I possibly forget Christ, when He has done so much for me!

## WMC News

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The theme of our program was "Harvesting." Table decorations consisted of horns of plenty tied with large orange ribbon bows.

Mrs. H. L. Oliver  
Assistant secretary

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT.** Our district WMC held its fall rally at the Grace Brethren Church at Lake Odessa, Michigan. A blue and silver banner was presented to the WMC having the largest percentage of ladies present. Calvary Church of Alto, Michigan received the banner and they are to display it in their church until the spring rally.

Grace Hoffman

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

### AFRICA—

- Suzan Marie Goodman ..... April 1, 1952  
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic  
Miss Edith Geske ..... April 4  
B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic  
Mrs. Robert S. Williams ..... April 15  
Batangafo via Bangui, Central African Republic

### ARGENTINA—

- Rev. Solon W. Hoyt ..... April 2  
Chiclaña 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.  
Mrs. E. Nelson Fay ..... April 4  
c/o Rev. Lynn Schrock, Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Vellez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
Paula Ann Bishop ..... April 15, 1955  
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.  
Peter Philip Marshall ..... April 23, 1953  
Circunscripción 4, Sección 4; Manzana 9, Casa 6; Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.  
Rev. Donald E. Bishop ..... April 29  
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.

### BRAZIL—

- Lou Ann Maycumber ..... April 8, 1955  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil  
Rev. J. Keith Altig ..... April 9  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil  
John Robert Zielasko ..... April 10, 1948  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil  
James Kevin Johnson ..... April 19, 1956  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil  
Miss Barbara Hulse ..... April 27  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

### HAWAII—

- Leilani Lou Tresise ..... April 15, 1956  
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii

### MEXICO—

- Mrs. Phillip Guereña ..... April 5  
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana  
Mrs. Sibley M. Edmiston ..... April 14  
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

### PUERTO RICO—

- Nancy Joyce Brennehan ..... April 24, 1954  
P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, P. R.

### IN THE UNITED STATES

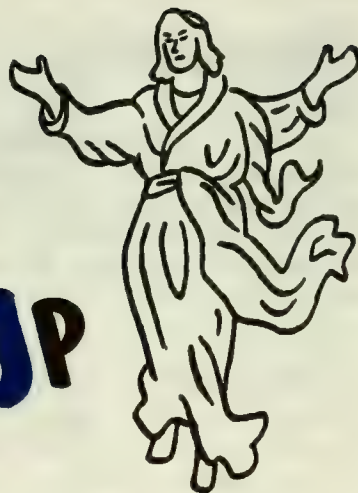
- David George Goodman ..... April 21, 1947  
231 Linden Way, Sunnyside, Washington  
Robert Luis Dowdy ..... April 26, 1948  
Box 104, Winona Lake, Indiana

## LOOKING TO JESUS . . . IN BRAZIL

By Miss Barbara Hulse

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3

# KEEP LOOKING UP



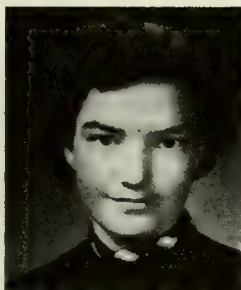
"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit" (I Pet. 3:18). Think of this, ". . . the just for the unjust." In considering Christ's sufferings, we should always keep in mind that He suffered what we would have had to suffer in eternity had He not taken our place and accepted our punishment for us. His thirst was as consuming as the thirst of the rich man in hell. His separation from God the Father was as real as that of the unsaved when they die without Christ. We cannot measure the intensity of the pain and agony of His soul which He suffered that day. How thankful we should be that we shall never have to suffer as Christ suffered on the cross.

I did not say that we shall never have to suffer. Both Peter, who worked mainly at "home," and Paul who went to the "foreign field" remind us that as believers we shall suffer. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21). And Paul reminded the Philippian believers: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him: but also to suffer for his sake" (Phil. 1:29). But we need to remember, "If we suffer, we

shall also reign with him" (II Tim. 2:12).

These verses refer to all types of suffering. They include loneliness, ridicule, and other difficulties that we must face day by day. Right now they make me think of a pretty Brazilian girl.

The plateaus of Ceara were Maria Eleina's first home. There she played



Miss Hulse

circle games with her friends, helped care for two younger brothers, learned to read and embroider, and watched her parents and others plant beans, cotton, rice, and corn. Beans and cotton were sold to other parts of the country. Thus they eked out a meager living.

In Ceara Maria Eleina's mother died. At an early age she had to take on the responsibilities of a household. When she was about twelve years old her father's cousin came

for a visit. He had moved to Capanema about seven years earlier and came offering work for her father. Her father accepted and they had to move to Capanema.

The family had few possessions, so moving wasn't a complicated process. There were sad goodbyes to relatives and friends, but also the excitement of traveling and seeing new places. In due time they were on the slow-moving, overloaded ship which in a few days would arrive in Belem. From Belem the one hundred mile trip to Capanema would be made on a train pulled by an ancient wood-burning locomotive, or on a large truck over rough roads cut through the jungle.

The cousin, who had recently accepted the Gospel, opened his home for weekly meetings. Maria Eleina began to attend these meetings, children's Bible classes, and Sunday school. Within a short time she too believed. A few months later she was baptized, and along with twenty-one others became a charter member of The Brethren Church in Capanema.

From the very first Maria Eleina was faithful in attendance to all the meetings and in reading her Bible at home. About one year after her decision her father decided to move once again, this time to Capitaio

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## Reporting!

**BERNE, INDIANA**—The Bethel Brethren SMM girls have had several special meetings in which to do projects. In December instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, the girls brought toys and useful items to send to the Taos Mission.

**CONEMAUGH, PENNSYLVANIA**—The Middler girls of the Pike Brethren Church finished their surgical wrappers already.

**WARSAW, INDIANA** — The meetings of the Junior SMM of the Community Grace Brethren Church have been well attended with an average of twelve girls and an average offering of \$1.27. In September they had a hamburger fry, a breakfast meeting in October, and a luncheon in December. In November they made missionary prayer cards, and in December they made baskets from used Christmas cards. The girls were "postmen" at Christmas and delivered greetings to and from their church family. They will be taking their test on Brethren Teachings in January

and will bring the gift for the missionaries also. They plan to begin embroidery work in February.

**FORT WAYNE, INDIANA**—The First Brethren Middler SMM had a birthday-Halloween party for a member of the church who is their local project. They painted the chairs in the pre-school department. Now, they are buying mustard and catsup dispensers for the kitchen of their new building.

**WINONA LAKE, INDIANA**—The Little Sisters now average twelve each month. They are cutting out Bible pictures, have purchased a folding chair for the church, and helped deliver Christmas cards. They have met all district goals and most of the girls have met all personal goals.

**WATERLOO, IOWA**—In December the Middler girls of Grace Brethren went Christmas caroling to the home of a senior member of their church who is a shut-in. The girls received a great blessing from visiting with and singing for this wonderful lady. Afterwards, they had a slumber party at the home of the patroness.

## Looking to . . .

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Poco, a small but growing town about sixty miles from Capanema. He wanted to keep his children together and among other reasons he said: "Maria Eleina won't have a church to attend in Capitaio Poco." Her father had heard the Gospel but remained a strong Catholic. During the two years they have been in Capitaio Poco, Maria Eleina has kept house for her father and two brothers, and despite all their efforts and pleadings, she has remained faithful to the Lord.

All girls like pretty things and Maria Eleina, now a teen-ager, is no exception. A pretty gold necklace or wrist watch are highly valued items among Brazilian girls—very few possess them. And since ready-made clothes have not arrived in Capanema or other smaller interior towns as yet, who wouldn't want their very own sewing machine? At various times her father offered all these things, but pretty or useful as they might be, they could not entice Maria Eleina to deny her Saviour. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor

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## Additions and Corrections

1. The home missions offering is only \$536.66 thus far. Mail any back offerings to Dee Anna Caldwell. Make it a point to support SMM with your offerings.
2. To the Michigan and Southeast districts, remember to send your news items to the national editor, Rosalie Ash, before February 15, 1963. You will want your news in the *Missionary Herald*.

### STOP AND THINK

True wisdom is seldom gained without suffering.  
Knowing the reason for suffering destroys the purpose of suffering.

## Suggested Program for March

### Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Suffering"  
Junior—Mrs. Ida Mae Anthony  
Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker  
Senior—Mrs. Donald Cale

Memory verse:  
I Peter 3:18

### Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Brazil"  
Miss Barbara Hulse

Emblem:  
Cross

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Ask God to give strength to those whom you know are suffering now because they have made a real stand for Jesus. Pray that they will receive it as a privilege.
2. Pray for Miss Barbara Hulse who is serving the Lord in Brazil that she may be used in an even greater way to lead others to the Saviour.
3. Pray for unsaved girls with whom you have close contact that they will open their hearts to Jesus.
4. Pray that God through His Word will lead you into a deeper fellowship with Him.



steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

Other temptations came. Maria Eleina was only fourteen when a nice looking man several years older than she began courting her and soon asked her father if they might marry. Her father was not only willing, but also encouraged it. However, friends and relatives in Capanema were very concerned and much in prayer. She was so young, and how would this effect her spiritual life? The Bible says: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14). A number of weeks later we received word that Maria Eleina had decided that she did not want to get married at this time or to this man. "They called upon the Lord, and he answered them" (Ps. 99:6). Once again we were reminded that God is interested in the details of our lives and will direct us in the right way if we will look to Him for guidance.

Maria Eleina gets to Capanema for a visit only two or three times a year. She looks forward to these visits because of the opportunity they afford to attend church, SMM, and sing in the choir. She misses these times of Christian fellowship most of the year since there is no gospel preaching church in Capitaio Poco. Yet she has grown spiritually because she has faithfully read her Bible. Recently relatives from Ceara sent a catechism and other Catholic literature to her by friends moving to Capanema. Later the lady asked if she had read it yet. Maria Eleina replied: "Oh, yes, I read it, but it doesn't please me." We are thankful that she knows the Word of God well enough that such literature doesn't confuse her.

Neither bribes, nor persuasion, nor ridicule have succeeded in turning Maria Eleina from following her Lord. She is willing to suffer these things and more for the One who suffered eternal punishment in her place.

At fifteen Maria Eleina's life is not an exciting one. Her days are filled with hard work—cooking over a charcoal fire, carrying water, washing clothes by hand, ironing with a heavy charcoal iron, and sweeping

# The Leaven of the Sadducees

By Charles H. Ashman, D.D.

West Covina, California

In the Scriptures leaven is symbolical of false doctrine, unbelief and evil. The Lord warned us to "Beware" of it in all of its forms. In a former article, we wrote about the "Leaven of the Pharisees," which was hypocrisy. Now we warn against the leaven of the Sadducees.

In Acts 5:17, the Sadducees were declared to be a "sect." The word sect means heresy, false both as to belief and practice. It means the same today. The Sadducees instigated the first persecution of the New Testament church, according to Acts 4 and 5. Christ put the Pharisees and Sadducees in the same class in His warnings.

The Sadducees were guilty of doubt, skepticism, unbelief. They denied the existence of angels. They refused to believe in the resurrection of which Acts 23:7-8 and Mark 12:18 both charge them. They denied the possibility of miracles. The leaven of the Sadducees was doubt and unbelief.

This leaven takes varied forms today. The boldest form is that of out-and-out denial. It is denial of "the faith" of the Scriptures. It refuses to accept the Bible as the supreme court of appeals of faith. It puts a question mark after the doctrine of the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

The most deadly form of this leaven is the practical. This is a mixture of hypocrisy and denial. Theoretically, some believe in the Bible. They would be offended if you even hinted they didn't. But in practice they deny it. They are "hearers of the Word," but not doers. They claim to believe the Bible, but live contrary to it. They claim to believe in Christ, but live for the Devil.

The Sadducees were not only skeptics, but they were heretics. They twisted and distorted the Scriptures to fit their warped minds. They had a corkscrew interpretation. They were spiritual crooks.

Sometimes this form of leaven becomes fanatical. It uses wildfire. It becomes hyper in its emotions. It develops a superattitude in its private interpretations of the Scriptures. It is a form of hysterical religion.

The skeptic gains followers among those weak in the faith. The heretic gains recruits from the ranks of those who have become "heady." The fanatic is imitated by those "carried about by every wind of doctrine."

*Beware of the leaven of the Sadducees!* In these "latter times" it will lead you to "depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (I Tim. 4:1). It will deceive you with "profane and vain babblings" (I Tim. 6:20). One of the prophetic signs for today is that false teachers shall arise within the church and bring in "damnable heresies." Because of these "many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (II Pet. 2:1-2).


"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The danger of leaven is in its beginning. We are deceived into thinking that surely just a little in a church or denomination will not hurt, just so the whole lump does not become leaven. It only takes a little, if tolerated, to leaven, to influence the whole lump. How wise it would be to cast it out when it first begins.

the mud house. Yet she does not grumble, but goes about her work willingly. She does it as a part of following His steps, for she knows that some day she shall "reign with him." She continues to face many problems and temptations. Pray that she will remain faithful to the Lord and keep

looking to Jesus for guidance and strength. Pray that her father and brothers might be won to the Saviour through her testimony. Pray also for more workers, both nationals and missionaries, in order that Capitaio Poco and other similar towns might have a gospel witness.



# CHURCH NEWS

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Rev. and Mrs. Robert D. Culver, 5824 Olinger Rd., Minneapolis 24, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. Lester E. Cook, P.O. Box 7251, Stockton, Calif.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** The Northern Ohio district youth rally was held Jan. 25-26 at the First Brethren Church, Wesley Haller, host pastor. Youth activities included attendance at the Grace College basketball game at Canton, Ohio, on Friday night, and a banquet the next day at the Middlebranch Grange Hall with John Aeby, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, as guest speaker.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, Brethren Financial Planning Service representatives, conducted a three-day Stewardship Bible Conference at the First Brethren Church Jan. 20 through 23. W. A. Ogden, pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Mr. David Unger, coach and athletic director at Philadelphia College of Bible, was the guest speaker at Third Brethren Church recently. Pastor and Mrs. Robert Kern attended the Winter Snowspiration held at River Valley, Md. in January. There were 103 young people registered for this youth rally.

**DALLAS CENTER, IOWA.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Herr, long-time members of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 23.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** Paul E. Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., was the guest speaker at the stewardship din-

ner rally held in the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 25. James Dixon is pastor.

**COVINGTON, VA.** The Annual Jewish Bible Conference was held at the Grace Brethren Church during Jan. 7-9. The four speakers were representatives from the American Board of Missions to the Jews, New York City. Pastor Mason Cooper reports that this was one of the finest Jewish conferences ever held in this church.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** A seven-week Sunday-school contest was conducted between the Grace Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, and the Grace Brethren Church of Trotwood, Ohio. At the close of the contest the Sunday-school superintendent of the Trotwood church personally presented a beautiful trophy to the winning Dayton Sunday-school. The year 1962 was a record breaking year for the Dayton Grace Brethren Sunday School with a 47 percent annual increase, and a one-Sunday record of 158 in attendance. Russel Isner is Sunday-school superintendent. Everett Caes, pastor.

**NOTICE:** Church Secretaries—Your Statistical Reports are past due, deadline was Jan. 31, 1963. Please mail your reports immediately to National Statistician, Dr. John Whitcomb, 305 Kelly St., Winona Lake, Ind.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Evangelist Bill Smith conducted a one-day youth conference at the Gay Street Brethren Church on Jan. 27. Brother Smith was the speaker for the Northern Atlantic District weekend snow retreat held at the River Valley Ranch, Jan. 18-20.

**CANTON, OHIO.** Joe Shultz, Stark County Youth for Christ director, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 13 in the absence of the pastor. Pastor and Mrs. John Dilling were attending the funeral of Mrs. Dilling's grandfather in New Jersey.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** Mr. Dan L. Shedd, principal of the Brethren Elementary and Junior High School, was licensed to the ministry of the Gospel at the Community Brethren

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Robert Addison, Bellflower, Calif.  
Russell Barnard, Winona Lake, Ind.

Nathan Casement, Dayton, Ohio  
Jesse Deloe, Jr., Dallas Center, Iowa

Louis Engle, Leesburg, Ind.  
Albert Flory, Whittier, Calif.

Church, Ward Miller, pastor, on Jan. 6. Licensure of Mr. Shedd was recommended by the examining board of the Southern Calif.-Arizona District of Brethren Churches. This action is significant in recognizing the growing field of Christian Day School ministry.

**NOTICE.** On Jan. 1, 1963, the name of the First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio, was changed to Grace Brethren Church.

**TOPPENISH, WASH.** The Northwest District of Brethren Churches will convene Feb. 26-28 at the Grace Brethren Church for their 1963 conference.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Evangelist Bill Smith will conduct revival meetings at the First Brethren Church during Feb. 10-17. G. Forrest Jackson is pastor.

**BERNE, IND.** Nathan Meyer will be the prophetic conference speaker at Bethel Brethren Church Feb. 17-24. Kenneth E. Russell, pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Dr. O. E. Phillips, of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Jan. 20. Robert Griffith, pastor.

**WARSAW, IND.** Mrs. Helen Wood Bernie, formerly a member of the Communist party, recently challenged the Community Grace Brethren Church concerning the present-day threat of communism. Richard Sellers, pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** A Southern Ohio District Fellowship Festival was held Feb. 1 at the YMCA. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was the special speaker.



**NOTICE:** Some additional late votes arrived at the Missionary Herald Company concerning the change to the biweekly magazine. The count as of Jan. 28 was 1010 yes, and 287 no.

**LAKE ODESSA, MICH.** Lee Crist tendered his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 14. He has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Cleveland, Ohio.

#### GRANDVIEW, WASH.

The First Brethren Church recently had an eight-day Revival Crusade with Evangelist Bob Collitt. The blessing of the Lord was evidenced through the 43 public decisions for Christ. These included decisions concerning baptism and church membership, rededication of lives for Christ, restoration and commitment to full-time Christian service.

Special events during the meetings were: a young people's "Watch Night" service; a surprise birthday coffee hour at which time the congregation presented the pastor with a gift certificate for a suit; and a Sunday-school night at which the beginner, primary, and junior departments brought the special music.

The Sunday following the meetings three first-time decisions for

Christ, and one for church membership were made. The church continues to feel the blessing of the Lord resulting from our meetings.

—George R. Christie, pastor

#### COVINGTON, VA.

Members and friends of Grace Brethren Church met in the basement of their new church building for the first time on New Year's eve for a Watch Night service and fellowship supper. There was a time for testimonies as to the Lord's blessings during 1962. Some of the highlights of the evening were a film entitled "The Son of Man" and special recognition of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Simmons, who have served as deacon and deaconess since the church was organized in 1935. The anticipated date for dedication of the new building is the last of February.

—Mason Cooper, pastor.

### Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janet Thomas and Wesley Eckstein, Jan. 12, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Gwen Hodges and Dr. Allan E. Ward, Dec. 21, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

## ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

**HAUSER, Mrs. Gladys**, 61, member of the Geistown Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., went to be with the Lord Jan. 20. She was the wife of Stanley Hauser, a retired Brethren minister. She was for many years an active member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., where she sat under the ministry of Dr. Alva J. McClain, Dr. R. Paul Miller, and Dr. A. V. Kimmell.

—Randall Poyner, pastor

**STREIGHTIFF, Mrs. Mary**, 94, went to be with her Lord on Jan. 5. She was the oldest member of the Grace Brethren Church of Hopewell, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.

—Sheldon W. Snyder, pastor

**SCHEERER, Richard**, was taken suddenly to be with the Lord in an auto-train accident on Jan. 15. He was a deacon, Sunday-school teacher, and a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind.

—Mark E. Malles, pastor.



**HOLLINS, VA.** The new \$75,000 church sanctuary pictured above was dedicated by the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church on Dec. 2. The new building will seat about 500 persons. It also has a number of classrooms in the basement, the pastor's study, the Sunday-school office, and two nurseries. The cornerstone laying and dedication services were held the same day. Carlton

Fuller, pastor of the Clearbrook Brethren Church, directed the cornerstone laying. Speaker for the dedication service was Paul Dowdy, Brethren Missionary to Argentina, and William Schaffer of Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind., was the guest organist. William Byers is pastor.



◆ "EVERYONE HAS PROBLEMS . . .  
DON'T LET YOURS SHOW  
ON YOUR FACE!

# The Spirit of the Prophet

SOMETHING has weakened our standards, watered our sermons, and dehydrated our methods.

Frantically we search for some new method, new organizational scheme, or some new plan. While we search, the membership withers and fades away. The unsaved seem repelled by our whole program. We grant that our message doesn't make the world our friends, for it cuts to their consciences, unveils their sins, and prophesies their damnation. No one loves such bitter medicine. *But* I'm not convinced that the offense comes entirely from our message. I rather believe that the fault lies in our men and their manners, not in our multiplied methods.

One of the significant changes of our modern world has been its elimination of social classes and its erection of "social consciousness." By "social consciousness" we refer to the great interest of modern man in the interests, thoughts, and comparative status of his fellow citizen. This change manifests itself in many ways. For example, in days past a man was known by the craft or occupation which he pursued. His

reputation was based upon the degree of his skill in the production of that product in its finished state. In our psycho-analytical society, however, the weight of a man's reputation and standing depend far more upon *how* he performs his craft than on the quality of the finished product.

Give two men of near equal abilities and the masses will vote for the one whose polish and refinement make him more pleasing to the eye than his companion of greater native talents. Doubtless the television industry (with its improvement over the radio) plus the profuse distribution of picture magazines (in the place of pictureless newspapers) have conditioned us for this change. Through these mediums, an average man is acquainted with worldwide customs, and his frame of reference for judging his fellow worker is broadened, and heightened. The man on the street becomes a self-studied social-psychanalyst, and all the members of his immediate environment his clientele.

This trend has taken its greatest toll of casualties among the business or professional group of men. It falls

within the sphere of their duties to daily meet and influence the masses of the people. They are therefore more susceptible to analysis, and their success demands that they constantly strive to measure up to the million-headed dragon of society's ideal gentleman. From the ranks of the professional group, one small segment has suffered the greatest fatalities, and strangely enough they seem to care the least about changing this situation. These are the ministers. If it were not for the lofty ideals their position projects upon them and the reverential awe that blinds the eyes and mutes the tongues of their understanding followers, the naked opinions of a snickering-up-their-shirt-sleeves world would condemn a legion of these putrefied antiques in an hour!

We grant that men whose minds and interests reside in heavenly things should not attend to every changing fashion and fleeing whim of a godless world system. However, excuses of finances, responsibilities, and too-busy-to-change can hardly justify the clumsy customs and thoughtless habits that stimulate criticisms against the minister and the glorious calling he labors to fulfill. Two-inch broad ties, gaudy color combinations in dress, sloppy physical appearance, "at-home-on-the-farm" table manners, and a coarseness of speech *do not* constitute advancing degrees of sanctification. Their continued usage bespeaks laziness and carelessness, *not* holiness.

It is just as easy to offend in the opposite direction. Society is quick to question the purposes and sincerity of a "fashion plate" when he steps behind the pulpit to speak for God. The damage done in either extreme is not calculated by the cryptic criticisms heaped upon the offending minister. The destruction sprouts roots in a far deeper issue, for the minister of the Gospel is expected by the world and commanded by God to manifest in living flesh and blood the message he proclaims. The task of reaching men for God is made doubly difficult when the evangel's personal life creates a wall of ridicule, or disrespect, between himself and the objects of his labors.

Paul doubtless had some intangible



things in mind when he told Timothy to "be an example of the believer . . . *in spirit*." The spirit of a man's life forms the soul of his testimony and the measure of his success for God. It is of utmost importance that we constantly emanate a spirit of godliness, sincerity, and interest. Let's be done with sticky piety, religious stuffiness, and downright rudeness. We must live *in* the world, and our calling demands that we attract men to Him. You'll catch more flies with sugar than with vinegar. How carefully we should guard the attractiveness and acceptability of the *covering* of that message which we preach; namely, our living appearances!

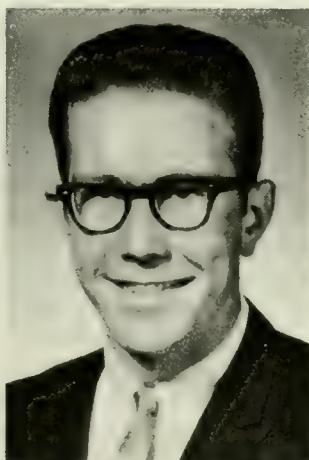
But Paul meant more than the obvious features of our appearances, such as clothes and cleanliness. These are more closely included in his term "conversation." By "spirit," Paul meant to include those tiny, subliminal clues that lurk in every word, action, and facial expression. You may not be aware of them, but your psychological-conscious society is. They will receive this tide of impulses that emanate from you constantly. Their minds will evaluate this deluge of unperceived data and release an opinion. Under the influence of this opinion of you, they will either like or dislike you, believe, or doubt, your sincerity. They will sense your attitudes and feelings. Your inner closets are made public to the gaping eyes of the society around you through these radiated "impulses" or factors.

These emanations are unconsciously given, especially via dress, speech, and mannerisms. They may be misinterpreted by those who receive and evaluate them. However, the importance of their testimony upon our ministry and for our Lord demands that we double our efforts to consistently reflect the spirit of Christ.

Because of the intensity of the labors, the magnitude of the responsibilities, and the brevity of time, a traveling or visiting minister *must be* doubly careful to guard these emanations. Some folks will only see you once; their impression will be a lasting one. You are the *imported* model of godliness, and your invitation implies an admiration for your reputa-

tion—one all the gossips are eager to pick to pieces. The brevity of your stay and traveling habits create a romantic halo about your sacred reputation that woos envy within the stuck-in-the-same-hole-for-years folk whom you meet. The halo will add its weight to the impact of your ministry for good or for evil.

There are three characteristics we must cultivate at all cost. They form the heart of success with people and their absence, once detected, will erect a barrier between yourself and the people which no amount of activity or education will remove. The crown prince of this trinity is *sincerity*. This virtue will cover a multitude of failures and secure for you a hearing when everything else seems to fail. People will respond to a gen-



By James Custer

Senior, Grace  
Theological Seminary

uine spirit, especially if it expresses a deep concern for their welfare and a willingness to encounter any obstacle to secure for them some good gift. However, to labor without this virtue giving its sustaining support, the most strenuous efforts and sagacious sermons will be received with scorn and failure. The *backbone* of your ministry—sincerity—may not win friends, but it will influence people!

The queen sister of sincerity is *thoughtfulness*. So much of the criticism heaped upon ministers could be avoided if this attitude were made the rule of their living. This is that spirit of service that searches

out the thousand unseen ways to express gratitude to others, to encourage a fainting heart, or to mold a lasting friendship. Its the ability to push aside pressing personal plans and desires to consider another's burden. It finds no act too lowly nor price too great if the result will contribute happiness to another. Our Lord was constantly thoughtful of others. The playing children, the grumbling disciples, the raging sea, and the death of a friend, all these moved Him to words of compassion and deeds of comfort while His personal needs were ignored. His sermons were blunt and true, but never cruel. His rebukes were sharp, but never voiced from a heart of bitterness. His ministers would do well to covet such a spirit of "otherness." It will break cold hearts and move frozen minds which defy blunt agitations. Thoughtfulness often opens the locked door and welcomes the unwanted messenger.

The mantle to display these two virtues is *optimism*. We live in a bewildered age. Men in and out of Christian circles tremble in fear. We seem to think that maintaining *status quo* is to manifest a successful ministry. The idea that ours is an aggressive, mighty, earth-moving Gospel is accepted by all, but believed by few. Yours will be an attractive ministry if the optimism of the New Testament radiates from your frequent smile, and evidences itself in your hearty handshake. Everyone has problems. Don't let yours show on your face. Has not God promised us victory and security? The promise of His power and the assurance that His plan will triumph has never been revoked. In an age of darkness, fear not to hold forth your light. In the midst of confusion, smile. Your adversary will flee and your doubting enemy will be drawn irresistibly to your side.

These attitudes must be the keys to our ministry. The effects of our ministry will be inscribed upon many lives. Therefore every minister should study profusely, write profoundly, discipline himself astutely, and speak powerfully. If our efforts fail to reach and move men for Christ, they are as "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."



# VULTURES ARE UNCULTURED

By Rev. Robert D. Whited

Pastor,

Pleasant Grove

Grace Brethren Church

North English, Iowa

"Truthfulness is one of the rarest of the virtues. Many there are who acknowledge the vice of stealing and yet regard lying as a virtue, provided it is clever enough and wins its point. Various forms of lies have somehow attained a status of respectability. Exaggeration, for instance, is simply a part of modern sophistication, but unfortunately has invaded Christian circles, which the phrase, 'evangelistically speaking,' testifies. Lies of expediency or convenience are also socially respectable. The psalmist said: 'I said in my haste. All men are liars,' and a commentator has suggested that if he lived today, he would repeat the indictment after sober reflection. Then there is the business lie, which is accepted as a normal implement of competition."

As I read the above quotation in a religious magazine, especially the last line, my thoughts went back several years to the time when I was still in college in Seattle, Washington.

It was in the fall of the year when my wife found herself in the enviable position of being able to purchase a coat.

When the purchase of a coat is seldom—as it usually is at our house—the occasion is a momentous one. After all the members of the household had been scrubbed, shoes polished, and hair brushed, we set forth in high spirits intent on visiting as many department stores and dress shops as was necessary in order to find just the right coat.

What happened at the first store has lodged itself firmly in my memory. Even before we stepped through the door, we could see the plush rug, slick furniture, and modern lights indicating that it was, as we say back home, *high class*. Undaunted, we strode recklessly in, attempting to appear as nonchalant as possible. Almost before we entered the room, saleswomen appeared from nowhere looking for all the world like vultures, poised and ready to pounce upon any prey that would unwittingly turn its back for a moment.

A floor man directed one of these creatures to us, and when she found that our purpose in being there was to look at coats, she led us to the section at the rear of the store.

My wife began immediately to try on coats. Each change of garment brought forth flattering epithets from our charming hostess. The longer we stayed and the more coats my wife tried on, the more vociferous became the saleswoman's praise. Each coat was just *the* coat for my wife, it did *everything* for her. According to "Miss Vulture," each coat made my wife look years younger. She gave the impression that by merely buying one of those coats her whole life would be altered and an era of prosperity, vitality, and glamour would be ushered in.

It was so obviously a *line*, that we could hardly restrain ourselves from bursting out in laughter. We could see that this saleswoman had been properly indoctrinated in what the management undoubtedly thought was the proper way to induce persons to buy their merchandise.

As we had arrived at the place where no other coats were to be found, and we had not seen what we wanted, we prepared to leave. Not to be pushed aside so easily, our friend-saleswoman applied every artifice at her command in a last vain attempt to extract from us the purchase price of a coat. Finally, after having to become almost rude, we escaped the store firmly resolved never to return.

What were the saleslady's thoughts after we had gone? I have often wondered. Surely, she didn't *believe* all the things she had told us. No doubt she had sacrificed her integrity in order to further her financial aspirations. She is not alone, however. Walk into any store, in any town, anytime. The same situation is acted out every day of the year.

As Christians we ought to keep in mind that the God whom we profess to worship and serve is "the God of truth" (Isa. 65:16) who hates lying. Lying associates us with the Devil, whom our Lord calls "a liar, and the father of them" (John 8:44). May God keep us sensitive to the sinfulness of deceit and the loveliness of truth! Vultures may be uncultured, but in God's sight liars are an abomination. Remember, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37).

# Praise and Prayer

**BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the good weekend of meetings that Brother Fred Fogle had in Lyon, France.

PRAY for the Phil Guarena family as very soon they will be entering into our work in Mexico.

PRAY for the Hill Maconaghys as they seek to establish a new work in Adroque, a suburb of Buenos Aires.

PRAY for the spiritual growth of the young people at Waimalu, Hawaii, and that they might take more leadership in the work.

PRAY for the teachers in the French schools in Africa that they will have wisdom from the Lord in their work.

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the annual spring board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

PRAY for a number of home-mission churches that will be having pre-Easter evangelistic meetings.

PRAY that a greater number of our Brethren in 1963 will use the "Home Missions Daily Prayer Guide."

PRAY for the Radio broadcast at Taos, New Mexico, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where this past year the broadcasts have produced some real fruit.

PRAY for the building program now under way in Westminster, California, and for the building program soon to get under way at Vandalia, Ohio.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for spiritual growth among the Brethren laymen.

PRAY for the Laymen's support of the National work.

PRAY for the next issue of the "Laymen News."

PRAY for the completion of our projects.

PRAY for a great Evangelism Sunday in the churches.

## SMM

PRAY for National officers as they meet for the cabinet meeting.

PRAY that the goal for Christian Education offering will be met.

PRAY for the Middler Girls who are memorizing the Book of Philipians.

## WMC

PRAY for the WMC women engaged in Sunday school, Child Evangelism, and Youth Work.

PRAY that every church in our Fellowship may have a vital WMC.

PRAY that the Pen Pointers may be used in an increasingly active way by officers and laywomen.

PRAY that the current offerings may please the Lord in each local WMC.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that every teacher and worker shall be enrolled in a training class in 1963.

PRAY that every Sunday-school leader may be burdened for "Doubling in This Decade."

PRAY that every Sunday school will follow up every absentee.

PRAY that teachers may teach with a purpose of winning pupils to Christ.

PRAY that the Sunday School Board may be undergirded financially by our Sunday schools.

## YOUTH

PRAY for our Mile-of-Dimes Projects which include the support of Phil Guarena family to Mexico, and the paving of the parking lot of the Youth Center at Taos, New Mexico.

PRAY for a need of \$900 to send our championship quiz team to Puerto Rico in April to get a first-

hand glance at our mission field there.

PRAY for safe travel and successful meetings for the Youth Evangelism Team the next two months.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the recent Grace Bible Conference and pray that its ministry may issue in much fruit.

PRAY earnestly for the successful progress of the second semester of this school year.

PRAY for the young people who made definite decisions for full-time service in the missionary conference last December that they may not forget their promises to the Lord.

PRAY for rapid progress on the new Girl's Dormitory and general dining hall that they may be ready for occupancy next fall. The need is increasingly urgent!

PRAY for the administration of the schools as they face increased burdens and responsibilities connected with their growth.

## EVANGELISM

PRAY for a series of campaigns in the Northwest district now being held by Bob Collitt.

PRAY that a full year's schedule will be settled by the time the second permanent evangelist begins in September 1963.

PRAY for a rich harvest of souls among old and young under the ministry of the Summer College Team with Allen Schlatter in charge.

PRAY for the funds on Evangelism Sunday, February 24, to enable us to carry a greater program to win souls to Christ in these last days.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the Herald subscribers' clear-cut decision regarding the biweekly magazine. May the change increase the circulation of the magazine in the future.

PRAY for the writing and editing of our Sunday-school material that it may have an effective ministry among our Brethren.

PRAY for increased wisdom and judgment in regards to the betterment of all the Herald Company's operations.



Compiled by Dave  
Hocking, National  
Youth Director

# Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council



## NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT COMPETITION

Over twenty pastors and youth leaders contributed to the publication of this Quiz-Question book. The book includes about 2,000 questions on the books of Mark and Hebrews. The questions are merely examples of those questions which are asked at the national youth conference. It is our prayer that this book will aid the churches in preparation for Bible quizzing in our program of National Achievement Competition. This is an excellent way to study the Scriptures; that is, by the question method.

We challenge some of our adults in The Brethren Church to memorize the books of Mark and Hebrews along with the young people who are engaged in Bible quizzing. This has proven a blessing to many.

The cost of the book is only 50c, and you may order from the Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana. Begin today in Bible quizzing, and reap tomorrow the spiritual benefits. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11).

## IS IT WORTH IT?

Donna Hawbaker



We are happy to bring you this testimony from Donna Hawbaker of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa. Donna won national honors last August in the memorization of Bible Scripture sponsored by the Rural Bible Crusade of America. Here is Donna's testimony.

"I love Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. He has cleansed my heart and purified my life. I look to Him for guidance and protection in my Christian walk. Whenever I run into trouble memorizing a passage of the Bible, I turn to God in prayer. I ask for help. Then I think about the meaning of the passage. This really helps me. The trouble with me is when I learn something, I forget it. I have to keep on practicing all the time. I learn a new truth every time I review a passage of Scripture that I have memorized."

Is it worth it? Decide for yourself. It is our opinion that the competitive program of Bible quizzing will produce results in the lives of teenagers that will count for God's glory in the years to come. An active, well-rounded youth program is important. But a youth program that emphasizes social activities above spiritual action is a weak, deficient program.

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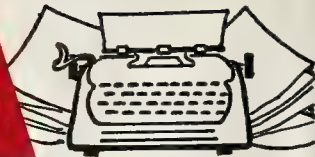
Modern Crises and Brethren Survival  
Let's Talk Sunday School!





# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Spiritual Unity—Key to the Church's Survival and Growth

The Scripture indicates a condition in the Early Church, which was the secret to its success. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul" (Acts 4:32). There was a tender union among the early Christians, which laid the foundation for their spiritual dynamic.

The beginning of this unity is found in the fact that they "believed." This large company of the saints accepted by faith the truth that God had revealed to them at that time.

The first result was that they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God showed His approval by causing an earthquake, which shook the place where they were meeting. When the Holy Spirit is in complete control of the members of the church, there must be unity because He leads believers to act and serve according to the Word of God.

Therefore, believers were "of one heart and of one soul." This was the result of their believing and in-filling by the Holy Spirit. *One heart* indicates their emotional and inspirational purpose. *One soul* indicates the new spiritual dynamic they possessed as believers through the indwelling Christ and the Holy Spirit. This unity, with its results and practice, comprised the total scope of their Christian activity.

These Christians were submitted to Christ and His Word. Love for Him and for lost souls mastered them. There was one inward spiritual consciousness; they had one outlook, one loyalty. They were moved by one tremendous impulse to glorify Christ.

This dynamic made it impossible for any other force to overcome the church. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" Jesus said (Matt. 16:18). Thus the church is absolutely assured of survival and growth. Someone

has said: "We can never have the flowers and the fruits of the garden of the Lord unless we have the roots."

Our Lord's formula for the survival and growth of His church is the same today.

Projecting these truths into our own personal experiences and into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches today, we must have the same "roots" in order to survive and grow. The truth is not changed. The spiritual dynamic is still the same, and we must pay the same price of belief for it. If we expect to be able to reproduce in any community or nation, we must certainly realize anew the "one heart" and "one soul" of the first company of believers; otherwise we will not survive.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and all of its agencies and program for God are built on the foundation of one common dynamic, which is based on belief in the Word of God, which in turn involves the Brethren interpretation of that Word. Unless the whole church changes that interpretation and they still remain of "one heart" and of "one soul" in spiritual belief, there is a real sense in which the Christian dynamic is lost and another force prevails.

Doctrinal problems are not settled by technical or organizational action. They are settled in the "heart" of the individual. If organizational activity precedes the "heart" decision, lack of unity will result. In turn, lack of spiritual doctrinal unity normally produces the energy of the flesh, which brings any discussion down to the human level and the result is more confusion. In practice, a carnal church is a divided church. The New Testament is clear on this fact.

Interestingly enough church history is replete with illustrations of this fact. The church through the centuries has had a continuing theological discussion comprising many great doctrines of Scripture. Sometimes the church changed its interpretations of certain Scripture. When this was done on the proper Christian basis, division was not the result, but new strength and unity came to the body. All Brethren churches are congregationally governed and all possess the rights which are cogent to this fact. How congregations exercise those rights is the important thing.

We believe that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches has the spiritual dynamic and desires to retain it in all of its churches and membership.

May the "one heart" and "one soul" principle of activity prevail.

## COVER PHOTO



Interior of the new Silverbell Grace Brethren Church taken on dedication day, January 20, 1963. Pastor McKillen behind the cross and Rev. John Mayes, the morning speaker, seated on the right.

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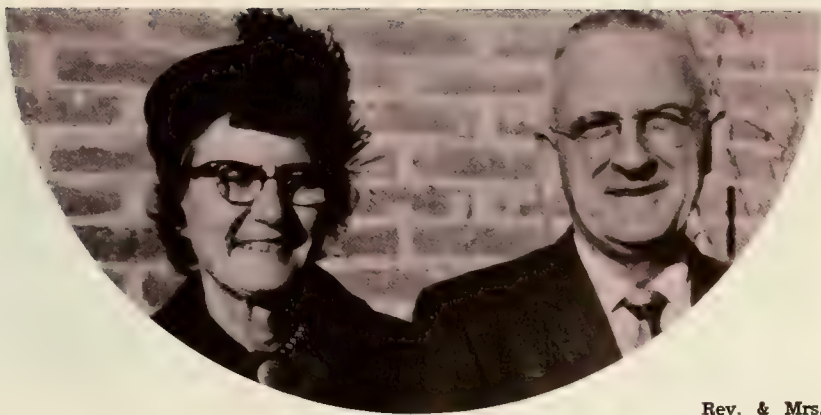
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# Tucson's "Too Soon" Dedication

By J. C. McKillen



Rev. & Mrs.  
J. C. McKillen

"Not so important that we dedicate the building," says the speaker, "but that we dedicate the builders of the building!" The speaker is Rev. Richard P. DeArmey, pastor of First Brethren Church, Inglewood, California. The builders, of course, are the people of Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church. As we sit here listening to him unfold his theme, we are very conscious that Tucson's dedication is way too soon. When January 20 was set as dedication date, how could we know that we would have a parsonage fire? How did we know that our vice moderator would suffer the loss of the end of his right thumb? How could we have known that the cold snap would strike so early that we could not even get the cement poured for our entry and sidewalks? How could we . . . ?

Sitting here, we look out through view windows with too much glare because we have not yet had them tinted. Through them we see too clearly a utility pole protruding into the vista of the lovely Catalina Mountains. These mountains pro-

vide Tucson's winter sports area. Then, in the heat of summer what a wonderful, amazingly cool refuge there is among their lakes, streams, and pines, 9000 feet high! That pole would not show so plainly if desert shrubbery were masking it. But, the desert shrubbery cannot be planted in the huge planter-box, which we have not yet built. "Dedicate the builders . . . ." Surely as we sit here, we accept such dedication to the task begun, so woefully not yet complete. One eye follows along a silvered beam supporting the wide overhang which shades those view windows . . . follows along the silvered beam out to a point where the silvering ends, and the dull orange-red of the unsilvered beam remains. Someone's brush could not reach quite far enough. So, we have work to do.

Sitting here, we wonder if the thirty or more folk from Phoenix Grace Brethren Church are not a little ashamed of us at Tucson for being dedicated "too soon"? We wonder if the surprisingly large group of winter visitors from Carle-

ton Grace Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa, are embarrassed for us as they must far too easily see much unfinished business. We wonder what the four members of the Home Missions Council Board are thinking? Dr. L. L. Grubb, who stood on this hilltop twenty-three months ago, and exclaimed he'd like to be able to buy several equally strategic and fascinating church lots at only \$5,500. Chester McCall with his kindly and appraising eye, looks with special interest at the electrical arrangements. And, we know, oh so well, as we sit here that our indirect lighting, and our pulpit lighting must be worked over—should have been before dedication day. Mr. DeArmey, home-missions vice president, as he stands to speak can see too well the uncaulked spaces at the rear of the auditorium. We had to assume our own painting of the building to hold down the contract to its \$31,767 figure, and caulking was part of the painting. As we sit here, we hope that every member, as well as every Tucsonian who is serving with us, is accepting Brother DeArmey's "dedication of the builders" dictum. We even hope, deep inside, that we ourselves are totally accepting it, accepting the full-powered direction of God's Spirit so that all may be brought into effectual coordination. We hope that the coordination, completion, dedication, will be such that worship will no longer need be interrupted by the guilt of a glance at unfinished business. We wonder what our classmate, Rev. John Mayes, must be wondering, coming from one of the most comfortably appointed churches out

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Rev. R. P. DeArmey,  
Dedication  
Speaker







#### LEGEND

Top down: Mr. Edward Kluth, chairman, with the other members of the building committee, and Pastor McKillen. Right and left sections of dedication day crowd. John Mayes morning speaker leading the singing. McKillen home with the church in the background, and the new church as described by Brother McKillen in "Tucson's 'Too Soon' Dedication."





## TUCSON'S . . .

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here to cactus-land—seeing cement blocks stacked among the cacti waiting to be made into planter-boxes.

Brother DeArney is completing his dedicatory message to us—the challenge which began with Brother Mayes' sermon in the morning. Now, Rev. Russell Konves, Phoenix' new pastor, sings right into our mourning hearts, "The Song of the Soul Set Free!" Visitors, and Tucsonians, stand together, joining in the responses of the "Act of Dedication!" The keys are passed from building committee chairman, Ed Kluth, to the pastor, and then to trustee chairman, Ross Ritter. But we dare not speak yet the words of commendation "discharged from a duty well done," for the building committee still has much work to be done. It is ever so fitting that we all join at the close in singing "O Jesus, I Have Promised."

We sit down with the four visiting home mission directors to discuss the work here. We are quite uncomfortable as we wonder how critical they may be about so much not yet done. Instead, we find them rejoicing that so much has been done with still so small a team, and at so low a cost. They are rejoicing to have discovered that there is a real will to "go on and complete it" among us.

Suddenly we realize that Tucson's dedication did not come too soon. It came right in the nick of time! We couldn't possibly have been dedicated any sooner, and we certainly are glad that now, not only the unfinished building, but also the unfinished builders are dedicated to the task! Sturdy bricks of cement must be matched with sturdy "bricks"—human souls—saved to serve their Saviour: "In whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Eph. 2:21). Thank you, Lord, for dedicating us, here at Tucson, "in the fulness of time," and help us to accept the dedication now! The everlasting now — from now on!

## Silverbell Church Dedicated

By L. L. Grubb

One hundred-thirty happy people attended the dedication of the new home-mission church building in Tucson, Arizona, January 20, 1963. The local community was well represented. A large group of Brethren drove from Phoenix to share the blessings with us.

Rev. John Mayes, a member of the home-mission board, brought the morning message and Rev. Richard DeArney, vice president of the Brethren Home Missions Council, brought the dedicatory challenge and evening message. Several decisions for Christ were made at these meetings.

For the fourth time Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen have seen the Lord bless their efforts with success in establishing a new church. Faithful Brethren people, some from other Brethren churches in different sections of the Nation, and others who

are newly born again plus friends of the church in Tucson have worked together in an unusual manner to produce the beautiful building you see in pictures. The construction period extended from the ground-breaking service, September 9, 1962, to dedication day, January 20, 1963. This attractive structure cost only \$33,750.

The Brethren Home Missions Council highly commends pastor and people at Tucson and expresses thanks to thousands of Brethren people, who by giving to Brethren home missions and loaning money through the Brethren Investment Foundation, have made this new church possible in the Southern California-Arizona District.

More support and cooperation through Brethren home missions will multiply such victories many times all over America.

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## Building Begins at Westminster

By L. L. Grubb

God made it possible, and the city of Westminster, California, made it mandatory, that we begin construction of a new home-mission church building by January 1, 1963.

A large group shared the blessing of the ground-breaking service with us Sunday, December 30. Anticipating the blessing of the Lord in construction, the Brethren joined whole-

heartedly in each detail of the service.

Rev. Robert Thompson and his congregation are deeply grateful to Brethren Minute-men for their fine response to the recent appeal. They have pledged their own sacrifice and hard work in the construction of the new building.

So, another new Brethren church is under construction.



Westminster, California building site



# Westminster Brethren "Stake" Claim For New Church

December 30 marked another milestone in the history of the Westminster Brethren Church. At three o'clock in the afternoon a very special service was held at which God's blessing was invoked in the official "stake-driving" ceremony. Departing from the traditional custom of turning a shovel of earth, the folk at Westminster were desirous of showing all their friends the size and shape of the proposed structure by



Pastor Robert Thompson, shows the other building committee members how to drive the stake.

we all went out by two's into the community and invited folk to attend the service in the afternoon.

At three o'clock when the first notes of the opening hymn rang out, every seat was filled with a goodly number standing. There followed a period of special introductions with some very timely remarks by Dr. Glenn O'Neal, district secretary of the Southern California-Arizona Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Dr. L. L. Grubb of The Brethren Home Missions Council was on hand to introduce the other members of the board of directors. Among them were Rev. John Mayes, Mr. Chester McCall, and Rev. Richard DeArney. Special music was provided by Ronald Grubb with a trumpet solo accompanied by Mr. Wes Hardy, teacher at Brethren high school. Added to this was the lovely



"Standing room only" for Westminster, California, stake-driving ceremony

having the peripheral excavating completed.

There was an air of gaiety to the service, but through it all you could sense that here was a group of people intent on a serious mission. A great deal of planning had gone into the program in order that it might be interesting, informative, and inspiring. Several hundred letters had been written the previous week and mailed to all those whom we felt had shown any interest in our work, and to those whom we felt ought to show an interest. All Sunday-school classes from the junior department through the adult department were cancelled in the morning hour, and armed with nearly a thousand mimeographed brochures,

Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, bringing the special message.



voice of Mrs. Julius Levering whose closing, "In Times Like These," left everyone aware of the urgency of the hour.

Dr. Charles Mayes, of the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, was the speaker of the afternoon, and his reminder that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid" was of real interest to all. Rev. Charles Beatty, of Long Beach, led the congregation in a prayer of dedication. Following this Pastor Robert Thompson, vice moderator James Erickson, and the members of the board of trustees: Messrs. Joe Sargent, Charles Ladd, James Magers, and Don Jensen each took turns driving the stake deep into the earth. The manner in



which they held the hammer gave evidence of an unfamiliarity with building tools, but the determined set of their jaw left little doubt that there would be a Brethren church erected in that spot.

By the close of the one-hour service a chill had crept into the air, but spirits were warmed as the ladies of the church served homemade pie and gallons of hot coffee. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed as congratulations and notes of appreciation were exchanged. Although no special offering was taken during the service, the interest of the people in a church extension project was manifested in a very concrete way with several checks being written right on the spot.

Needless to say the hearts of the folks in Westminster are filled with a deep sense of gratitude for all the many friends who have made this venture for Christ possible. Only eternity will show the result of such an undertaking, and when the awards are passed out in glory there will be a vast host of people to receive them for their share in this work.

Since the first stake was driven, the Lord's hand has been evident in ever so many ways. Mr. Tom Blackburn, a member of the Westminster Brethren Church and a cement contractor as well, has provided for the laying of the foundation. Mr. Lee Sasser, an electrical contractor and member of the Seal Beach Brethren Church, has volunteered to install the electrical system. Mr. Roger Harper, also a member of the Westminster congregation and a specialist in roofing, has offered to assist in this area. In addition to this there has been a very fine response from the men of the church in turning out for the Saturday workdays.

Mr. Florian Hesse, a man of vast experience in church building, will be the superintendent on the job. At the present time he is completing the remodeling of the First Brethren Church of Whittier. He will be with us as soon as our concrete slab is poured. With all of these capable men and the inexhaustible resources of our Saviour, we approach this year with a real sense of expectancy.



Top down: (First) Jim Magers, building committee chairman; Jim Erickson, vice moderator; Joe Sargent, trustee; Robert Thompson, pastor; Charles Ladd and Don Jensen, trustees. (Second) Dr. Mayes, speaker; Mrs. Julius Levering, soloist; Ronald Grubb, trumpet soloist, accompanist Wes Hardy; and Pastor Thompson. (Third) Temporary meeting chapel. (Fourth) Danny, Bethel, Robert and Linda Thompson, the pastor and family.





# ISRAEL CALLS!



## BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

By Miss Isobel Fraser

"I'll be so glad when it's all over!" How sorry I feel when I hear folk, even Christians, make this statement about Christmas. True, there are many extras that have to be done, and there never seems to be enough time to do all that one has to do, let alone what one wants to do. My correspondence is always "unfinished business," so annually at Christmas I like to try at least to write a few lines to friends who live at a distance. My friends are usually the last to hear from me too! A tract in a Christmas greeting is always more readily received than one in a letter on other occasions. So this is another phase of ministering to Jewish and gentile friends.

This Christmas-Hanukah season seemed to afford more opportunities to witness to Jewish friends. Hanukah, the Jewish Feast of Dedication, or Festival of Lights, started this year on the eve of December 21, and since it is an eight-day celebration, Christmas came right in the middle of it. There are so many similarities between the two celebrations to provide a means of discussing the claims of Christ Jesus. In fact, I personally prefer to think of Christmas growing out of Hanukah, rather than from some pagan celebration.

Why do I feel this way? As you know, the Bible does not give the actual time or date of the birth of Christ, and the information relative to Mary and Joseph's going to Bethlehem would more logically fall in September or October. December would thus be more likely to be the time of the conception, which is actually the miracle (Isa. 7:14). Also, according to the Jewish calendar the first day of Hanukah is the twenty-fifth of Kislev and Christmas the twenty-fifth of December, these months being concurrent. Both are

characterized by lights, gift giving, joy, and a remembrance of deliverance.

The Hanukah *menorah* has eight regular candleholders and one called the *shammes* (servant). The *shammes* is always lighted first and then it is used to light the other candles. This reminds me of the Lord Christ, the Light of the world, who came the first time "not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45), which ransom enables us to become lights of the world. It is quite conceivable that those early Hebrew-Christians as their Jewish brethren remembered God's deliverance from the Syrians by the hands of the Maccabees, remembered the coming of the Light of the world to give deliverance from sin to mankind.

Sharing these thoughts with my Jewish friends has opened some wonderful conversations. On the twenty-first of December, I visited in the home of a Jewish friend whose husband, a tailor, has had his business in the home most of the past year. This has enabled me to become better acquainted with him and thus his deafness (almost total), which was a barrier in communicating with him, has been diminished. He told me that if it had not been for Hanukah there would be no Christianity, and then gave me a newspaper article to read. My first response was to disagree with him, but after reading the article I understood what he meant.

If the Jews had been defeated by the Syrians, Israel would probably have ceased to exist; there would have been no Jews and thus no Christianity. I wrote for him: "But God had other plans." Then I briefly wrote that I believed about Christmas and Hanukah, including that

Messiah Jesus came just as God had prophesied in the Old Testament and quoted Isaiah 7:14. He pointed to the word virgin and said: "I don't believe that." I quickly wrote: "Then as far as belief is concerned, I am a better Jew than you are." To this he gave assent. Nineteen hundred and sixty-two was a year of *t'sourris* (trouble, sorrow) for this family, but I believe that through it the Lord has been dealing. The wife, especially, has been tender toward the Lord and His Word.

That evening, the first night of Hanukah, several Jewish friends and I attended the service at a conservative temple. Afterwards we went to my apartment for "coffee and" (a favorite expression of some of our people). While several of the ladies discussed this and that, the husband of one and I had a good spiritual discussion. It was opened when he saw my Hanukah *menorah*. A Hebrew-Christian friend gave it to me several years ago as a Christmas gift! It was loaned this year to be used at a Senior Citizen Christmas-Hanukah get-together. I do light the *menorah* as do my Jewish friends and pray that Israel might be enlightened as to who the Lord Jesus truly is. Hanukah is not a Biblical holy day; however, you will find it mentioned in John 10:22. This gentleman is also interested in astronomy, and so we had a wonderful discussion not only regarding the star of Bethlehem, but also the astronomical miracle of Joshua (Josh. 10:12-14). It was pointed out that the scientific discoveries and exploration of today do not rule God out, but rather are a proof of His existence and power. Some information in our Brethren daily devotional helped me in my testimony.

On Christmas Eve (the fourth night of Hanukah) a Jewish neighbor dropped in and was invited to join a Christian friend and me for supper and attend a Christmas Eve

service. Just before eating I asked her to light the Hanukah candles and say the *barukah* (Hebrew blessing) after which I prayed, again remembering Israel. Following the meal we went to look at Christmas decorations. As we drove around, my Christian friend and I had opportunity to witness to this friend. She, by the way, belongs to a study book club and the book they are currently reading and discussing is the Book of Matthew. My friend readily admitted that what they would say and what I would say would be far afield. She has promised to discuss the book with me, and I am praying for wisdom and liberty in the discussion. The Christmas Eve service was

from eleven to twelve o'clock, and I was especially thankful for the clear and well-read presentation of the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke.

New Year's Eve I had the joy of having a Jewish friend attend the watchnight service at our church. She was one who had attended the Hanukah service, and I was glad that she noted the lack of use of Scripture by the rabbi. She has been a regular attendant at one of our monthly discussion meetings and upon two occasions has attended our evening Bible class. I was especially pleased that at the New Year's eve devotional service our pastor had chosen a portion from the Old

Testament. Though she said she felt a little strange, she did enjoy herself very much.

These were a few of the outstanding *blessings of the season*. Now that we have entered into a new year of service for our blessed Lord and Saviour, the Scripture that is uppermost in my mind and that I covet to be abundantly fulfilled is John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it you." As the fruit of the Spirit is produced in my life, may it also be evidenced in Jewish souls trusting in Messiah Jesus as Saviour and God.

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## Home Mission Field Reports

**LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.** (William Tweeddale, pastor). With near blizzard conditions on New Year's Eve over one hundred people turned out for the special service. Ours were the only lights burning for the Lord on a night when Satan's fortresses were glittering. We had a two-hour live radio broadcast direct from our meeting place, the Poultry Center.

**GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON** (George Christie, pastor). We praise the Lord for the forty-three decisions made during the recent meeting with Rev. Bob Collitt. Since this meeting we have had six first-time decisions, two rededications, one for baptism, and three for church membership.

**TAOS, NEW MEXICO.** (Sam I. Horney, pastor). Last Sunday (Jan. 13) the only cars parked at church were the three church buses. For the past two weeks the temperatures have ranged from zero to a minus 40 degrees with an official 50 degrees below at Eagles Nest. "In times like these" we are glad for the radio broadcast, so we can reach into the homes with the entire Sunday morning service.



# CHURCH NEWS

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**GALION, OHIO.** Alva Conner accepted the call to become pastor of Grace Brethren Church, and has assumed his pastoral duties. Rev. and Mrs. Conner's new address is R. D. 1, Galion, Ohio. Please change annual.

**RIALTO, CALIF.** Eighty young people from six Brethren churches in this area attended a young people's banquet at the Rialto Brethren Church on Feb. 1. Gerald Polman, pastor.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Dr. John Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary, will hold a Bible-Science Conference at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church Mar. 8-10.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** Ninety-eight decisions were recorded during the Piper Brothers evangelistic meetings held at the Community Brethren Church Jan. 20-27. The decisions were: conversions 32, dedications 27, assurance of salvation 19, victorious living 2, and public professions of salvation 17. Ward Miller, pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, underwent surgery on Feb. 1 at the Murphy Medical Center, Warsaw, Ind. Recovery has been complete.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** William Howard, pastor of Gay Street Brethren Church, fell while doing church visitation on Jan. 29, which resulted in a compound fracture of one arm and a serious sprain in the other arm.

**MARTINSBURG, PA.** The First Brethren Church, John Terrell, pastor, paid tribute to the retiring recording secretary, Miss Sannie Klepser, on Jan. 27. From 1934-1962 inclusive, Miss Klepser served

as the secretary of the church. During those twenty-eight years of at least one hundred and twelve regular business meetings, plus many other special meetings and board meetings, there were only six times when minutes were taken by one of her assistants. Seven pastors and ten moderators served during her time of service. Congratulations to Miss Sannie Klepser!

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** Rev. and Mrs. Charles Thornton announce the arrival of a baby girl in January, weighing 10 lbs, 4 oz. Brother Thornton assumed his duties as pastor of the First Brethren Church Feb. 10.

**WAYNESBORO, PA.** The new Grace Brethren Home For The Retired is to be located only five miles from Waynesboro. The board of directors have announced the selection of a three and one-half acre tract on Maryland route 64, between Ringgold and Smithburg. The purchase price is only \$2,500, and an option has been taken to raise this money in cash by April 30, 1963. The home is sponsored by the ten churches of the Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Plans are being discussed to erect a one-floor brick home with basement to house from 24-30 residents. Rev. R. D. Crees is the executive secretary.

**HARRAH, WASH.** W. Carl Miller, pastor of the Harrah Brethren Church, reports a successful revival meeting with Evangelist Bob Collitt, which closed Jan. 20. Twenty rededications, one restoration, one life commitment, and four confessions of salvation were recorded.

**BARBERTON, OHIO.** Rev. and Mrs. R. Markley extend thanks to the brotherhood for the many prayers offered in behalf of their eight-year-old-son, Lloyd. A miracle of God's grace has been attributed to the sudden recovery from rheumatoid arthritis and rheumatic fever without any damage to his heart. Brother Markley is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

**CHICO, CALIF.** Arthur Pekarek, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, reports a successful revival service with cowboy evangelist, Leonard

Eilers, in January. There were many public decisions including twenty Stockade boys who stepped forward to acknowledge Christ.

**TROY, OHIO.** The Grace Brethren Church, Herman Hein, pastor, received an inheritance check for \$5,000 on Jan. 20. The basement auditorium of the church was remodeled during the week of Jan. 8-Feb. 3.

**AKRON, OHIO.** Twenty-eight couples from the Northern Ohio district enjoyed the annual "Sweetheart Banquet" at the East Akron YMCA on Feb. 1, with anecdotes by master of ceremonies, Rev. Wesley Haller, Middlebranch, Ohio, and a very appropriate message by Rev. Robert Markley, Barberton, Ohio. Russell Ogden, pastor.

**PERU, IND.** John Evans, pastor of the Peru Brethren Church, submitted his resignation to be effective May 26. He plans to continue his education toward a Master's Degree in Education at Indiana University.

**OSCEOLA, IND.** John W. Schumacher was ordained to the Christian ministry on Sunday evening, Feb. 3, at the Bethel Brethren



Mr. Schumacher

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Larry Gegner, Trotwood, Ohio  
Ord Gehman, Fillmore, Calif.  
Nelson Hall, Albany, Ore.  
Benjamin Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.  
George Johnson, Brazil  
Lee Jenkins, Navy Chaplain



Church. Mr. Schumacher will graduate from Grace Seminary in June 1963, and plans to enter the chaplaincy. Evangelist Bill Smith delivered the ordination message. Other Brethren men who assisted in the service were: Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church; David Hocking, National Youth Director; William Schaffer, Teaching Fellow in Music at Grace College; Richard E. Grant, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*; and Prof. Herbert Bess, professor of Hebrew at Grace Seminary. A reception was held in the lower auditorium of the church following the ordination service.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Richard Lanford, missionary from the New Tribes Mission, was the guest speaker at Calvary Brethren Church on Jan. 13. Jack K. Peters, pastor.

**SPECIAL:** Dr. Bernard N. Schneider, a Brethren evangelist and Bible conference speaker, of Sanibel, Florida, will be speaking in the following California churches: North Long Beach Brethren Church, Feb. 24-Mar. 3; Bell Brethren Church, Mar. 3-10; Modesto (LaLoma) Grace Brethren, Mar. 13-24; Whittier Community Brethren Church, Mar. 25-31; First Brethren Church of Bellflower, Mar. 31-Apr. 7; Grace Brethren of Anaheim, Apr. 7-14; and the First Brethren Church of Glendale, Apr. 28-30.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Archie Lynn accepted the call to become the pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. He began his ministry on Feb. 3.

**BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.** Gerald Teeter, pastor of the Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the Good News Brethren Church on Feb. 3. Brother Teeter baptized nine persons following the service.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** A Bible Quiz team from the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Leon Myers, pastor, won first place in January in the rally of youth from 21 Brethren churches in Northern Ohio. The rally was held in the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio. Dana Bar-

nett, the top quiz contestant and member of the Mansfield quiz team, has memorized the Gospel of John.

**LANCASTER, PA.** The Grace Brethren Church, William Tweedale, pastor, purchased three and one-half acres of property in Lancaster on Jan. 31. This church plans to begin construction of a \$60,000 building similar to the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., in July, which will be completed in about four months. The Roman Catholic Church has also purchased property in the same area. A proposed 2 million dollar shopping center is also considering this general location for a building site.

**SUNNYSIDE, WASH.** Leslie Moore, pastor of First Brethren Church, has accepted the call to serve the church as pastor for his sixth year.

**BEAVER CITY, NEBR.** Fifteen youth took part in the morning worship service on Feb. 3 at the Grace Brethren Church, Dayton C. Cun-

diff, pastor, in observance of Youth Week.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** John Burns, pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, suffered a stroke on Sunday evening, Feb. 3. His condition is considered serious, and the entire brotherhood has been requested to intercede in prayer in his behalf.

**MIAMI, FLA.** Brethren from six states were registered at the National Sunday School Convention in Miami, Jan. 22-24. Our Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., had the second largest delegation of any church at the convention with more than 50 workers attending all or part of the convention. Rev. Ralph Colburn, pastor, was chairman of the local committee for the convention, and Dr. Harold Etling was keynote speaker.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** A sacred concert will be presented by the Grace College Choir at the Patterson Park Brethren Church on Mar. 31. Nathan Casement, pastor.



The photo shows Joy Allen adding the finishing touches to the landscape scene which now graces the baptistry at the Gay Street Brethren Church.

#### **HAGERSTOWN, MD.**

The Gay Street Brethren Church has a beautiful oil painting in their baptistry. A scene that is very comparable to the native scenery of nearby Hagerstown, Md.

Eleven-year-old Joy Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen and member of the Calvary Brethren

Church, is the promising young artist.

The painting, a landscape titled "Peace Like A River," is her own jumbo version of a calendar illustration which she saw sometime ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen presented this picture as a gift to the Gay Street Brethren Church.





*By*  
*Evangelist*  
*Bill*  
*Smith*

# MODERN CRISES

## *What The Brethren Church Must Do To Survive*

I long for the power of God in our day to be manifested in the way that it was in days gone by. I desire that I might be among Christians who are completely in love with Jesus Christ. Not loving the things of the world and loving pleasure and deeds and comfort, but in love with Christ and devoted to Him.

I am convinced that most of us are not having the best that God has for us in our lives.

### ***Our Present Problems***

First, no longer does the average Christian long to win souls. So many act as though some mystical power and force will work and bring their husband or children or friend to accept Christ. If you are waiting for this to happen, that soul will go to hell and God will hold you responsible. I have never yet found a short cut, easy streamlined way to win a person to Christ. We must pray, yes, but we must talk about Christ, talk about the Gospel, talk about forgiveness, and sin, and heaven.

Second, I see very little Christian humbleness. The Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love

the world, the love of the Father is not in him . . . the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:15-16). This worldly, cocky attitude of Christians does not come from God—it comes from the world.

I see some with an intellectual pride. To them, the biggest thing in life is to accumulate facts of information.

I see others with physical pride. Whether it is conceit over a beautiful body, a clear singing voice, or athletic abilities, it is of the world and does not display Christian humbleness.

There is a tidal wave of sin sweeping across this country like a plague. Sin has entered into our homes, our schools, our society, our entertainment, our literature, and into our churches.

I am praying that God will find an avenue through which He can bless and work in the Brethren churches around the world.

### ***Three Activities***

First, we must have a vision. It is predicted that by 1975 there will be a population in this country of

221 million people. The churches will never keep up with this boom at the rate we are going. The vision about which I speak is not a careless spending of money, or the construction of massive buildings, but a vision of what God can do.

His power is without limits. "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

The Lord will bless us. I think of the case of Elijah in 1 Kings 18. He climbed to the top of Mount Carmel thinking he was the only true servant of the Lord. There were 850 priests of idols present ready to call on their gods. The priests called on their gods to rain down fire from heaven and consume the sacrifice that was placed on the altar. They called from morning till midday, but there was no response. Then they cut themselves with knives and lancets, but all this was to no avail—their gods were silent. Then Elijah called on our God, and the Lord sent fire from heaven that consumed the sacrifice and the altar on which it laid. There was a great revival, and the Bible says that men's hearts were turned again to the Lord. Elijah was abundantly blessed by the Lord.

### ***Things With the Eye of God***

A vision to determine to see what Elijah saw—a need for revival; to see what John the Baptist saw—a need for repentance; to see what Paul the Apostle saw—a need for dedication.

There are no limits to what God will do if we give Him the opportunity.

### ***A Compassionate Heart***

We must have a compassionate heart. I pray continually that I might have a passion for the lost souls whom I might reach for Jesus Christ.

No group of professing Christians since Jesus Christ died at Calvary ever had so many material resources at their command as the American Christians today. They have the best equipped churches. They have the highest academic training standards for ministers.

The tragedy is that we have so many Christians who are not pro-



ducing. It seems as though most Christians have joined the "Cult of the Comfortable," rather than the "Cult of the Concerned."

When the Christian stands at the judgment seat of Christ, there is going to be some terrible experiences, as well as some glorious ones (I Cor. 3:11-15).

There is service that falls in the wood, and hay, and stubble class that is going to be burned up. Just think of it: some sermons burned up; some special music burned up; some work for the Lord burned up. Burned up because the primary motive back of it was not really to exalt Jesus Christ. John 12:24 says: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it beareth forth much fruit."

Why so many non-effective, non-productive Christians?

Why so many kernels of wheat abiding alone?

Here is the answer, "Except it die." If it is not willing to die, then it will not produce.

What a day it would be in the life of our church or any church if the Christians would move up to an experiential position of Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

I fear in these perilous days that there is a pressing need to be enthusiastic for lost souls—a passionate heart to reach the lost—or else we may become as many an organization has become, progressively cold.

Dick Hillis, director of "Overseas Crusades" says: "Every heart with Christ, a missionary. Every heart without Christ, a mission field."

### Consistency

We must have consistency. Inconsistency is a sin. We display inconsistencies in our convictions, standards, devotional life and use of abilities.

We must be consistent in sacrifice. Mark 10:29 and 30 says: "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say

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The Mill Run Congregation

## Why a Brethren Church in Mill Run?

By Rev. James F. Hoffmeyer

On Sunday afternoon, January 6, 1963, a very unusual service took place at the Mill Run Grace Brethren Church. This service was unusual because it was the "Rededication Service" of a former Methodist and Independent Church. This article is being written to present the reason we believe the Lord has given us a Brethren Church in Mill Run, a small community near Barton, Maryland.

### A Need

There was no church of any kind in this small community and several families who had been traveling some distance to church saw there was a need of helping the many children in the community. It was largely through the influence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeShong along with several of their children and their families that in 1943 a work was started. Since most of the folks had a Methodist background, they became associated with the Methodist Church in Piedmont, West Virginia and became a mission of that church.

Through the influence of the Methodist Conference they were able to purchase an unused church building, which they tore down and moved to their community. The folks worked hard, and in a few months a meeting place was available.

Even through their hard work and many labors they did not find complete satisfaction in what they were doing. Yet at this time they did not know what was lacking in their work. After several years with ever increasing assessments being put on them, they broke from the denomination and became an Independent Church.

### The Need Met

The first solid contact these searching folks had with the Gospel was when they contacted a young man who had attended Bob Jones University, and he became their pastor for a short period. Through his interest in Youth for Christ the folks became acquainted with Tri-State Youth for Christ in Cumberland, Maryland, and eventually with Dwight Evans, the director.

Later Brother Evans became pastor of the little group. He worked and preached hard. As he presented the Gospel of grace there were many barriers to be broken down and the task was not an easy one. He faithfully sowed the seed for nearly two years before any real results came. A few people had made decisions in these days, but for the most part it was a long climb out of the dark. It was during a series of meetings with Rev. Homer Lingenfelter that the Lord began to work in a real way. In this meeting, December 1960, quite a number of the folks accepted the Lord. This was the real beginning of a Brethren church. The folks were hungry for the truth and were receptive to it. Brother Evans, himself a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, through his continued contacts with Brother Lingenfelter led the church to the Brethren position as best he could.

In January of 1962 the writer assumed pastoral duties. At the request of the congregation in September, we began a series of studies on Brethren doctrine. It was only a few days after the conclusion of this series on October 3, 1962, the group unanimously voted to become a Brethren church known as *The Mill Run Grace Brethren Church*.



# What Constitutes a Well-Balanced Youth Program?

By Dave Hocking, National Youth Director

Many articles have been written, scores of workshops have been held, hundreds of people have voiced their opinions, and still we face the problem of what constitutes a well-balanced youth program.

Contemporary problems are growing in our work with young people. Some churches are failing to reach young people. Others have many young people coming through their doors, but spiritual depth is sadly lacking. Modern-day life offers many exciting challenges to the minds of youth. A recent survey by the Youth Commission of the NSSA reveals that the number 1 reason why young people quit going to church is "not enough activities." Eighty percent of the 606 evangelical churches contacted reported dropouts among their young people. The number 2 reason why they quit was "too many phonies." Number 3 was "it's boring."

One of the basic problems we face is the problem of purpose. Why have a youth program in our church? What are we trying to accomplish? Many answers are often given to these questions, but basically they all wind up at the same place . . . training. "To train our young people" is usually the stock answer you will receive. But what does this mean? Training may be the basic purpose, but what kind of training is it? What kind of products are being produced by this training?

Some may disagree, but if the youth program of our church is in agreement with the purpose of our church, our purpose should be to train missionaries—trained, disciplined, and qualified soldiers in the army of Christ. To sit Sunday after Sunday and listen to programs which are meaningless and which do not challenge the young person, this is a waste of our time, the church's time, and worst of all, it is wasting God's time. All of our efforts are useless unless we are producing young, vibrant, dynamic missionaries committed to the cause of Christ! The saying is true: "Every heart without Christ is a mission field, and every heart with Christ should be a missionary." Missionaries at home, missionaries at school, missionaries at work, missionaries trained within the protective fort of our church to go to the uttermost part of the earth with the Gospel of Christ burning on their lips and in their hearts. Have we not wasted enough time? Is there not a cause?

What then should be the training given to our young people to challenge them concerning their inevitable responsibility as missionaries? (Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8, and others.) The young people of the Early Church who were so willing to give their lives for their faith in Christ were diligently trained, we believe, in four areas of their Christian life: The Word of God, Prayer, Witnessing, and Obedience. These four areas should be included and emphasized in the overall youth program of our church. Are your young people students of the Word? Do they know how to pray and to expect big things from God? Have they been trained in how to witness effectively for Christ? Are they well-disciplined? Have their wills been subjected to Christ as true soldiers of the cross?

In view of the urgent needs of our day, of the soon return of our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—the Captain of our souls—may God help each of us to evaluate our youth programs in the light of what God has told us to do in His Word.

## CRISES . . .

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unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

Most of us know what God wants us to do, but we don't do it because it is inconvenient. Television's Perry Mason has to learn fourteen pages of dialogue a day. He is willing to sell his time and effort for a make-believe story.

We should be consistent in our living. Dr. Vance Havner says: "It is becoming an accepted fact that we are living in the most insane age of human history. The high pressure and terrific pace of the times have produced a generation of high-strung tense neurotics."

Someone has said that our lives are characterized by three words—hurry, worry, and bury. I find that Christians are guilty right along with non-Christians of these stresses and strains—often hindering their service for Christ.

Every place I go, Brethren pastors and Brethren people say: "We need a fresh work of God among us. We need to put the emphasis in the proper place. We need to wake up and have some life."

I am praying that we might have a fresh work of God among us. That we might know and do what is the mind of Christ. I am praying and preaching for revival.

Revival and awakening begins in the pulpit and spreads to the pews. Church leaders want others to be on fire for the Lord, dedicated and sacrificing while they sit back and look.

We generally lay all the plans and get things ready; then we expect God to work because of our methods. Revival, however, does not follow a set pattern but will come when God sees that His people have met the qualifications.

This message was presented at the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches August 1962, and is printed by request.



Robert Collitt



Ron Thompson

## EVANGELISM SUNDAY--FEBRUARY 24

A greater harvest of souls for Christ and a greater Brethren church . . . these are the goals of the Board of Evangelism. Once each year, the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen join with this board in enlisting your support for these goals.

The ministry of Rev. Robert Collitt has been blessed of the Lord in scores of churches across our brotherhood. Hundreds of decisions have been registered. Next fall, Ron Thompson, a senior in Grace Seminary, will enter into a full-time evangelism ministry. Meetings are already being scheduled. Ron is no stranger in many of our churches in that he spent the entire summer of 1961

in evangelism among the churches in the East and Southeast districts.

Evangelistic meeting offerings seldom meet the cost of keeping an evangelist on the field. Your gifts to the Board of Evangelism insure that men can remain on the field, regardless of the size church in which a meeting is held, or of the offering the church receives for the evangelist.

Give through you local church. Isolated Brethren may want to send an offering direct to the treasurer—Mr. Bryson Feters, 205 Bryan Street, Berne, Indiana. Make all checks payable to the Board of Evangelism.

### WE MUST EVANGELIZE AS WE NEVER HAVE BEFORE

**IF** we as a denomination are to forge ahead and fulfill the charge that we claim Christ gave us as His witnesses;

**IF** we are to expand our home-and foreign-mission interests;

**IF** we are to increase our Christian educational institutions;

**IF** we are not to be counted as derelict at the judgment seat of Christ.

### GOD IS RICHLY BLESSING OUR CURRENT PROGRAM

Your help is needed as we prepare to assume the support of two full-time men in the field of evangelism. Ask the Lord what He would have you give to this important arm of our church.

**THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM URGENTLY  
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## SHARING SOME SECRETS

We arrived at the church at 9:10 a.m., twenty minutes before time for the opening of Sunday school. We walked into the junior department, and were greeted by a group of boys and girls who had come early to share in some pre-session activities. Hung around the room in very orderly fashion were the achievement ribbons of the juniors who were engaged in the memory program. Many had come early to do a part of the memory work before school started.

We could not resist taking our camera out of its case to catch this group of junior boys lined up to register their Six-point Sunday-school envelopes, and make them ready for the offering period in the worship program. We talked with the junior superintendent, Mrs. Dorothy Rowland, who was bubbling over about her department. For this Sunday, she had established a goal of 100 with her teachers in the junior department. These were the early arrivals, and an indication that

they were trying to reach the goal.

"The week," said Mrs. Rowland, "has been full of preparation. We have been praying and trusting God to give us one hundred, and we have been working like beavers to get them in." We watched for a few minutes before we had to hurry to the adult department to greet the folks in our Fort Lauderdale church. I was as excited as was this junior superintendent. I was greeted by a wonderful group of adults gathered in the opening worship service. I talked with their pastor about their records, and he reminded me that they were entirely dependent upon the use of good records in their total school for a weekly visitation program that has paid off. I went to the platform to preach during the morning service before I again caught sight of the junior superintendent. When I saw her face, I knew they had reached the goal. As a matter of fact, I later learned they were two over the goal. Then we saw the figures on the board—477 people present. How did they do it? This is the question asked so frequently. By gimmicks? Through

gadgets? No! They just established some attainable goals each week; then enthused their people to go after more people. Through the proper keeping of records, and a follow-up of absentees, this is paying dividends.

You can see this same kind of thing take place in your Sunday school if you are willing to pay the price of careful planning, good records, careful follow-up, coupled, of course, with much prayer, good administration, excellent teaching, and an enthusiastic approach to what Sunday school can do for you and your church.

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Our second church in Florida is located in Margate, a suburb of Pompano Beach. Meeting in a one-room community building, we saw a nursery in what is ordinarily the storeroom of the building, but transformed on a Sunday morning. We saw classes meeting outside the building under palm trees. Three classes of primary children meet at the rear of the auditorium, and an adult class meets in the front section. Oh yes, there was a kindergarten class of about fifteen meeting between the primary classes and the adults. We saw 102 people gathered in this one-room school on a recent Sunday morning. They, too, are thankful for good records, and a follow-up program that is paying dividends.

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About forty of the combined staffs of these two churches were present in the Midwinter National Sunday School Convention in Miami. Dean Risser, pastor at Margate, said: "I am sure that this convention has brought new understanding, new inspiration, new zeal, and new methods to all of our workers. You may expect Margate to move forward at a rapid pace just as soon as we can get a building in which to meet." Brethren, pray for this opportunity in Florida.



Junior boys registering





## President Hoyt Speaks

*Grace Theological Seminary  
Grace College*

### ***The Crisis in Education***

There is a crisis in education about which the public is being informed, but to which the majority are turning a deaf ear. Three things have created this crisis. An exploding population all over the world stands at the head of the list. But this in itself would not have made the situation suddenly acute. The second factor is the social changes that have made education indispensable. A half century ago the population of the world felt relatively secure without education, and so few pressed for admittance to educational institutions. But now there is an increase of 800 percent attending institutions of higher learning in this country, and the percentage of increase in other countries has gone out of sight. The third factor is the expanding demand for faculty, facilities, and finances. It is this last that makes the situation acute. Had this last kept pace with the first two, the problem would be relatively simple. But alas, concern for the present at the expense of the future now confronts us with a formidable problem.

### ***Grappling With the Problem***

In three different areas tremendous efforts are being made to cope with the gigantic problems confronting education. Institutionwise the privately owned and supported, and the publicly owned and supported, schools are grappling with the issues. Financewise efforts are being made to tap private resources, to release funds raised by state taxes, and to channel Federal aid to education. In the area of quality, every conceivable means is being employed to raise the level of education in all colleges to the standard of recognized accreditation. Studies in breadth and depth are being made covering the whole field of education for the purpose of removing the sacred

cows, streamlining the methods, and utilizing every modern device for multiplying the breadth and effectiveness of teaching. But these studies are also making clear that there are no miracles in this business. There still remains the hard core of determination, sacrifice, and hard work if the task is to be accomplished.

### ***Private Colleges and Failure***

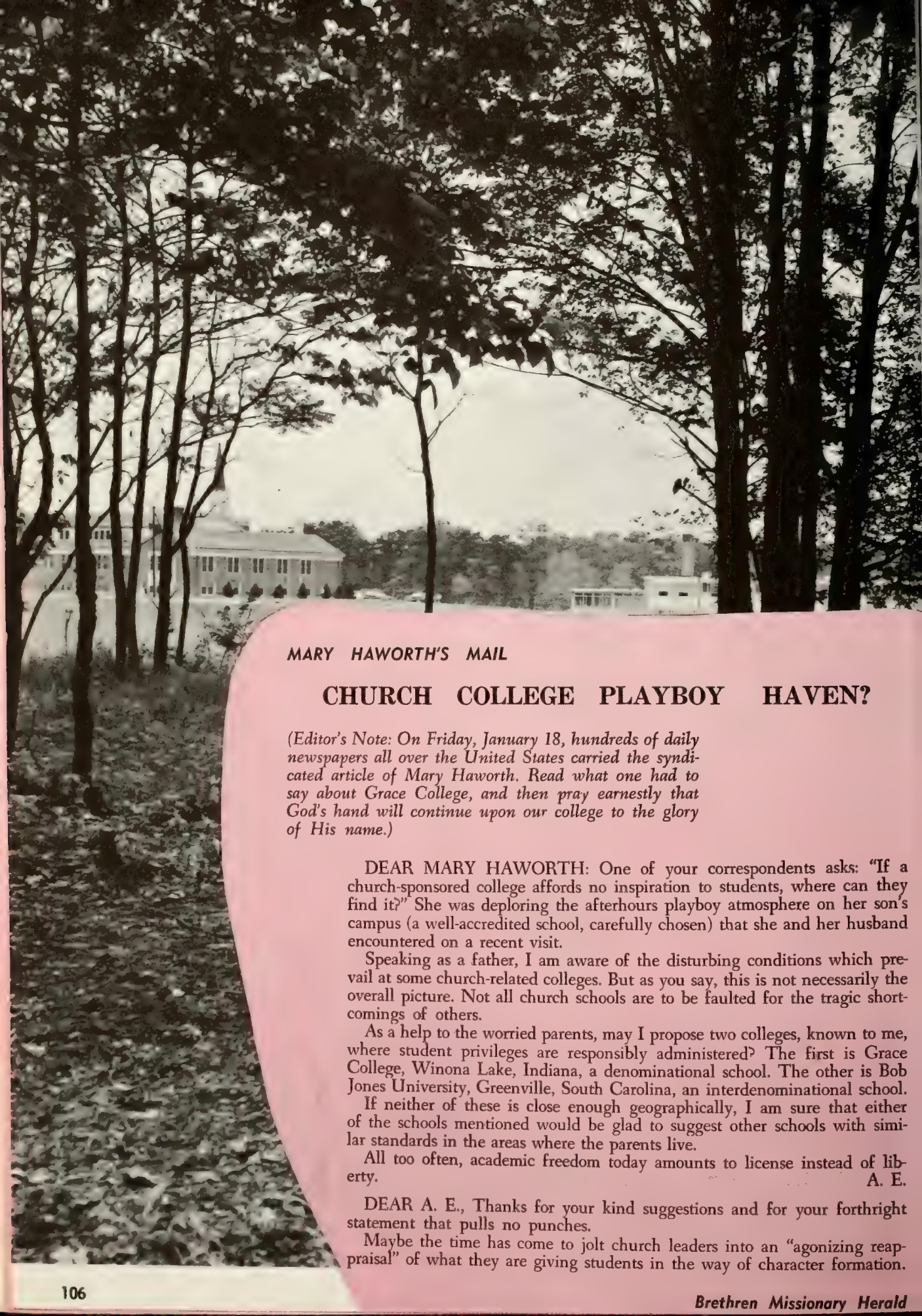
Higher education began in this country with private colleges. When it became evident that private colleges were not making education available to many because of costs, the states entered into the business. At first there was no tuition and few fees. But little by little even in publicly tax supported schools this has been rising until at least the cost approximates that of private institutions. But the trend in student enrollments is running toward the public institution. Indiana is a fair example. There are thirty-four colleges and universities in the State, four public, thirty private. Sixty percent of all students are enrolled in the four publicly owned schools, forty percent in the thirty private schools. With rising costs and static enrollments, the private institutions face a dismal future. Three things are evident. First, private institutions must reach and maintain standard accreditation levels if they are to appeal widely to students. Second, there must be developed a uniqueness in each institution which can be duplicated nowhere else. Finally, there must be discovered a source of funds from one or many sources if these schools are to survive.

### ***Grace College and the Future***

Christian schools, such as Grace, face the same problems as others, but these problems are accentuated. Accreditation is an absolute necessity, and to get this the issues of faculty, facilities, and finances are paramount. Uniqueness must be defined in terms of pure Christianity. There dare not be any halfhearted or equivocating approach on this point. If there is, Grace College will cease to exist as an institution, or it will cease to be Christian. But even if uniqueness draws an ever increasing student body—and it is our hope that it will—there will still need to be an ever increasing cost to the student in order to meet the soaring financial needs. A competent faculty and adequate facilities cannot be maintained without discovering new sources of income. Here is sufficient reason for parents, friends, and pastors who place high value on this school to engage in prolonged intercessory prayer for Grace College and its governing body.

The above facts are not intended to suggest discouragement in the face of the grim realities that now confront us. There is a God in heaven, and it is our conviction that He brought this institution into existence and will provide the means of support. But He will do so only through His people who place sufficient value upon it to pray and give toward it. Let all of us take heed. Private schools are closing their doors, or they are merging with other institutions for survival. The verdict lies with us.





MARY HAWORTH'S MAIL

## CHURCH COLLEGE PLAYBOY HAVEN?

*(Editor's Note: On Friday, January 18, hundreds of daily newspapers all over the United States carried the syndicated article of Mary Haworth. Read what one had to say about Grace College, and then pray earnestly that God's hand will continue upon our college to the glory of His name.)*

DEAR MARY HAWORTH: One of your correspondents asks: "If a church-sponsored college affords no inspiration to students, where can they find it?" She was deploring the afterhours playboy atmosphere on her son's campus (a well-accredited school, carefully chosen) that she and her husband encountered on a recent visit.

Speaking as a father, I am aware of the disturbing conditions which prevail at some church-related colleges. But as you say, this is not necessarily the overall picture. Not all church schools are to be faulted for the tragic shortcomings of others.

As a help to the worried parents, may I propose two colleges, known to me, where student privileges are responsibly administered? The first is Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana, a denominational school. The other is Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, an interdenominational school.

If neither of these is close enough geographically, I am sure that either of the schools mentioned would be glad to suggest other schools with similar standards in the areas where the parents live.

All too often, academic freedom today amounts to license instead of liberty.

A. E.

DEAR A. E., Thanks for your kind suggestions and for your forthright statement that pulls no punches.

Maybe the time has come to jolt church leaders into an "agonizing reappraisal" of what they are giving students in the way of character formation.



# YES AND NO ARE ENOUGH!

By Benjamin Hamilton, Th.D.

With uplifted hands incoming military men and women swear they will keep the articles of war and defend their country. The United States President when he puts his hand on a Bible swears to uphold the Nation's Constitution. Millions of other people solemnly rely upon an oath to declare their intent to perform some grave act. After all,

what more dependable pledge is there than invoking the name of Deity? according to the person who swears. Those who are not real Christians feel free to misuse God's name. For true believers dependence on swearing is quite out of character. Christ himself pointed out this fact in Matthew 5:33 to 37.

## **Swearing Is Folly**

Many people invoke God's name in a frivolous spirit, or in an attitude of doing that which comes naturally. When the Lord was on earth, swearing was almost a habit-forming custom. Often done in a spirit of mock soberness, such swearing expressed a debased view of God. Such hypocrisy virtually made God's name a good luck charm. The same hypocrisy exists today.

Swearing involves another point. Jesus referred to this when He said: "Thou shalt not forswear thyself . . ." *Forswear one's self?* Christ actually said His followers ought not to swear against themselves. Calling upon God to support a human affirmation does not flatter God. Such an act really places one in the position of swearing against himself since such swearing is a testimony that a person's affirmation is meaningless. Invoking God's name is an attempt to cover up the real unreliability of the affirmation.

So Christians are not to resort to glib oaths that are false in essence and incapable of keeping. Rather the Lord's followers are to make affirmations that are truthful and can be substantiated. Jesus clearly pointed this out when saying: "But [thou] shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths" (Matt. 5:33). Notice that these oaths mean pledges or promises.

## **Swearing Is Failure**

Swearing does not guarantee assurance and so it is an admission of failure, for the act does not insure the veracity of one who swears. To swear does not mean the faithful execution of a promise sealed by a fickle oath.

When Jesus was on earth, the Jews swore by everything (Matt. 23:16-22). An entire body of rules existed that

fixed the varying degrees of efficacious power, which different kinds of oaths were supposed to give. According to those rules, swearing by heaven was more potent than an oath based on the earth. All such swearing is tainted with blasphemy. It has an element of superstitious magic not unlike the charms in which Africans trust.

Christ saw an even greater wrong in swearing. To swear by heaven, earth, or Jerusalem is disrespect for God (Matt. 5:34-36). Such practice is also disregard for divine judgment, God's creation, and His government. God deals with His people from His heavenly throne. The earth is God's appointed abode for man. Jerusalem is not just a human capital, but the center of the kingdom which God is going to establish with Christ as King.

## **Swearing Is Bad Fruit**

Jesus said: "Let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Matt. 5:37). These words point out the fact that swearing comes from the evil one, Satan. As a result, swearing is evil fruit. Interestingly, Christ's words regarding swearing were a part of the seminar which He held with His disciples to instruct them on the qualifications for citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

Kingdom citizens must have character and conduct compatible with kingdom standards. Heavenly citizenship demands speech free from a flippant attitude toward God and the Ruler of the kingdom of heaven. The Christian's citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20). His speech is always to be with grace, seasoned with salt (Col. 4:6). There will be no swearing in the kingdom of heaven, for swearing is the evil fruit resulting from Satan's control of his victims' lives.

Now is the time for Christians to prepare their speech for the appearance of the kingdom of heaven. Swear not: Let the believer's communication be "Yea, yea; Nay, nay." For the Lord's followers yes and no are enough indeed.





# ALUMNI BANQUET A SUCCESS

Ghost Town, at Buena Park, California, was the meeting place for the "ghostly grads" of Grace College and Seminary who now reside in southern California. There are 115 graduates of the two schools in this area.

On January 26, seventy-five gathered at the Chicken House for the alumni banquet and all agreed that it was a success and should be an annual affair. Rev. Arnold R. Kriebaum, director of public relations for the seminary and college, was the master of ceremonies for the "ghostly conclave," and Dr. John Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament in the seminary, was the speaker.

The local committee that served faithfully to prepare for the banquet was composed of Norman Rohrer (B.D., '56), Alberta Hanson (M.R.E., '61), and Clifford Heffner (A.B., '58). Their combined efforts made the banquet a success.

Banquets of this nature are being planned for other cities across the Nation under the direction of Mr. Kriebaum, and the alumni offices of the college and seminary.



## DORMITORY FUND REPORT

to date: February 1, 1963

### RECEIPTS AND UNPAID PLEDGES

#### Receipts to date:

Gifts .....	\$ 99,231
Investments .....	362,273
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 461,504</b>

#### Unpaid pledges:

Gifts .....	\$ 13,667
Investments (est.) ...	18,500
<b>Total unpaid pledges \$</b>	<b>32,167</b>

<b>GOAL .....</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>Total receipts and unpaid pledges .....</b>	<b>493,671</b>
<b>Balance needed .....</b>	<b>\$106,329</b>

### GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—JANUARY 1963

	General Building Fund			General Building Fund	
Allegheny			Southeast		
Parkersburg, W. Va. ....	14.50		Hollins, Va. ....	6.00	
East			Limestone, Tenn. ....	104.00	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) .		112.00	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	90.50	
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) .....	3.01		Southern California and Arizona		
Everett, Pa. ....	11.00		Beaumont, Calif. ....	300.00	
Duncansville, Pa. ....	28.25		Bellflower, Calif. ....	142.00	14.00
(Leamersville) .....	204.75		Compton, Calif. ....	250.00	
Indiana			Gardena, Calif. ....	20.00	
Clay City .....	28.00		Long Beach, Calif. (First)	649.70	13.50
Flora .....	204.50		Long Beach, Calif (North)	947.36	
Fort Wayne (First) ....	1,154.83	272.55	Los Angeles, Calif. ....	32.00	
Leesburg .....	13.57	10.10	Norwalk, Calif. ....	150.00	
Peru .....	28.25		Phoenix, Ariz. ....	28.78	
Sidney .....	90.00		San Bernardino, Calif. ...	33.50	
Wheaton, Ill. ....		.87	South Gate, Calif. ....		6.07
Winona Lake .....		20.00	Tucson, Ariz. ....	10.00	
Iowa			Whittier, Calif. (First) ..	13.50	2.50
Dallas Center .....	239.00	70.00	Southern Ohio		
Waterloo .....	143.46	59.75	Camden .....	4.50	
Michigan			Clayton .....	212.60	157.00
Alto .....	19.00		Dayton (North Riverdale)	46.00	
Lansing .....	10.00		Dayton (Patterson Park)		5.00
New Troy .....	31.00		Kettering .....	65.15	
Mid-Atlantic			Trotwood .....	10.00	
Alexandria, Va. ....	153.55		Vandalia .....	59.50	
Winchester, Va. ....	107.11	31.70	Miscellaneous		
Midwest			Isolated Brethren .....	2.50	2.50
Cheyenne, Wyo. ....		50.45	Non-Brethren .....	80.00	1,000.00
Denver, Colo. ....		5.00	Miscellaneous and		
Portis, Kans. ....	295.00		Anonymous .....	35.83	2.50
Taos, N. Mex. ....	71.10		Maintenance .....	5.00	
Nor-Cal			<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>7,184.94</b>	<b>2,123.49</b>
Tracy, Calif. ....	5.00		Designated Gifts		
Northern Atlantic			Bellflower, Calif. ....		5.00
Allentown, Pa. ....	84.75		Vandalia, Ohio .....		2.00
Hatboro, Pa. ....	40.00	7.00	Waterloo, Iowa .....		2.00
Palmyra, Pa. ....	237.44		Winona Lake, Ind. ....		72.13
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	50.00		Wooster, Ohio .....		1.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	147.70	155.50	Non-Brethren .....		75.00
Northern Ohio			Miscellaneous and Anonymous ..		1,000.00
Akron (Fairlawn) ....	50.50		<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,157.13</b>	
Elyria .....	139.50				
Findlay .....	39.24		Please note: The gift of \$94.00 General		
Homerville .....	19.00		Fund, \$6 Building Fund and \$2 Designated		
Mansfield (Grace) .....	32.01		Fund listed on the gift report in the Jan-		
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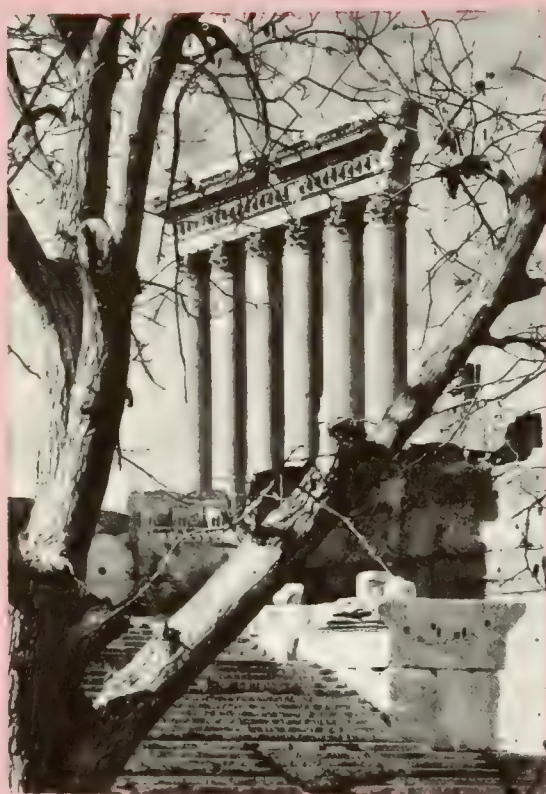


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June 28-30 Three days—Seminar at Philadelphia

July 1-3 Rome

July 4-7 Cairo-Luxor

July 8-9 Lebanon

July 10-11 Damascus

July 12-13 Jordan

July 14-18 Jerusalem

July 19-23 Israel

July 24-25 Izmir

July 26-27 Athens

July 28 Optional: Leave for alternate trip to Schwarzenau, Germany at extra cost.



Prof. Bess with two Beduin Arabs

## EGYPT

By Prof. Herbert Bess

For members of a Bible-lands tour, interest in Egypt centers in two places. On the western edge of Cairo, the modern capital of Egypt, are the greatest of the pyramids, those of Khufu, Khefren, and Menkaure. Our tour members will be afforded the privilege of entering the greatest of them all, and climbing within to the burial chambers of the king and queen. Adjacent to the pyramids is the great Sphinx. These colossal monuments were already centuries old when Abraham visited Egypt.

Over 400 miles south in Upper Egypt are the impressive ruins of Luxor and Karnak, massive temples constructed in the empire days "when Egypt ruled the East," and partly contemporary with the times of Moses. Across the Nile on the western side is located the tombs of the kings of this period, but horizontally into the face of limestone cliffs. Of the two or three that you may enter, one belongs to King Tutankhamen. The magnitude, ornateness, and fabulous riches of this unplundered tomb still staggers the imagination.

## LEBANON AND SYRIA

Entry into Lebanon is made at beautiful Beirut, the most westernized city in the Arab world. A half day's trip north along the Mediterranean Sea permits a visit to the gorge of the Dog River, where Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, and other conquerors carved their inscriptions into the cliffs, and to the excavations of the city of Byblos whose millenniums of history are attested by the monuments still remaining. In the fertile valley on the other side of the Lebanon mountain range lies the immense temple complex at Baalbek, built in the Greco-Roman period. The cutting, moving, and placing of its mammoth stones are still an engineering marvel.

Beyond the second Lebanon range is situated Damascus, capital of Syria, reputed to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world. You'll want to spend some time in its old marketplace shopping for souvenirs and gifts to send home. Adjacent to it you'll walk the street called Straight, which was made famous by the visit of the Apostle Paul. From Damascus the journey southward leads to the modern state of Jordan, which encompasses the ancient lands of Gilead, Ammon, Moab, Edom, and much of Palestine.

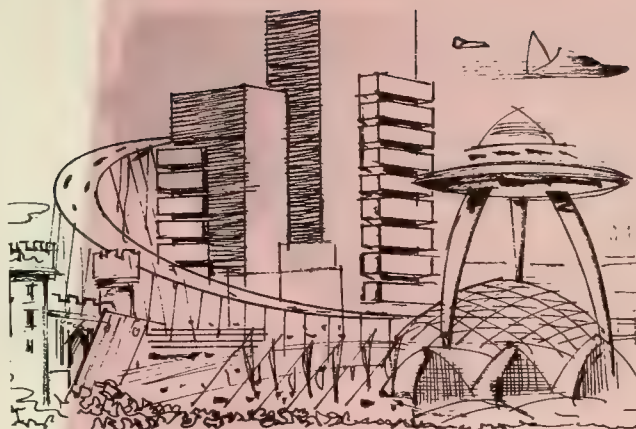
## ASIA MINOR

By Dr. James Boyer

For the student of the New Testament the Holy Land includes also Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome, the

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scenes of the Gospel's earliest and greatest triumphs rendered sacred by the missionary travels of the apostles, and by the blood of countless martyrs. Part of this area at least, we will visit on this proposed trip.

We will stand where Paul stood on Mars Hill, and look across to the neighboring hill, the famous Acropolis of Athens. There, still standing in the shadow of its ancient splendor is the magnificent Parthenon, the Temple of Athena, masterpiece of the architect Pericles and rated the most perfect building ever constructed. We will see other famous temples on that hill to which Paul may have pointed as he said: "God . . . dwelleth not in temples made with hands."

We will drive by a scenic route along the seacoast, cross the modern canal, and stand in the marketplace of Paul's Corinth, the wicked city where for eighteen months he struggled to establish a church. We will see the bema judgment seat where Paul defended himself.

If arrangements can be made, we will stop in Turkey, ancient Asia Minor, and visit the area of the seven churches of the Book of The Revelation. We will stay in Smyrna (the modern name is Izmir), a prosperous modern city. Ephesus is one of the most extensive of ancient ruins. We will see its Temple of Diana, its great theater that once rang with the angry cries of the mob aroused by Demetrius the silversmith, its marketplace where Paul and later John must have witnessed for their Lord. At Pergamos, where Satan's seat was, there is one of the most famous theaters in the world, where the huge altar to Zeus was discovered.

Rome holds its own special place in the history of the church. We will see St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican library, the Church of St. Paul-Outside-The-Wall, the Church of St. John the Lateran where are the stairs upon which Jesus supposedly stood after His trial, now brought to Rome, and a part of the church over which the Pope presides as pastor. We will walk through the catacombs where early Christians met secretly among the tombs. We will pause at the ancient Colosseum as we remember the Christian martyrs who were fed to the lions or burned alive amid the cheers of the 50,000 spectators gathered there to enjoy the spectacle. We will walk in the ancient marketplace, through the arch of Titus built to commemorate the destruction of the city of Jerusalem.

Will you plan to join us?



# PETER'S DENIALS

Peter's denials of his acquaintance with Jesus are a well-known part of gospel history. The fact that Peter was the victim, even after Jesus had specifically warned him, is a solemn reminder to every Christian that sin lies all about us, and that temptation is a mighty foe. Christ's promise to Peter, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" is an encouragement to believers that they have an all-powerful Ally who is conscious of their need (Luke 22:32).

Since not one of the Gospels gives all of the stages of the Jewish trial (one appearance before Annas, two before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin), and yet all of them list Peter's three denials (which run throughout the trial), it seems clear that in some instances there has been a grouping without chronological exactness. Probably all phases of this Jewish trial took place in various parts of the same building complex so that the courtyard, where the fire had been built, was the scene for all three denials.

## The First Denial

All the accounts agree that Peter's first questioner was a servant girl. John identifies her as the girl who was stationed at the door and had admitted Peter to the premises after someone (presumably John himself, John 18:17) had interceded for him. When Peter had entered and began to warm himself by the fire, this maid at the doorway approached him with the assertion: "Thou also wast with Jesus" (Matt. cf. Mark, Luke). She then added the question: "Art thou also one of his disciples?" (John).

At this point the Greek text provides an insight into the subtlety of Satan's approach. It is possible in English to phrase a question in such

a way that the questioner reveals what kind of answer he expects. For example, if one should ask: "You haven't had dinner, have you?" the answer expected is "No." On the other hand, if one is asked: "You've had dinner, haven't you?" the answer expected is "Yes." The Greek language had a similar device, and John shows us that the maid's question was not quite neutral. She expected the answer to be "No." Thus the girl must actually have said to Peter: "You also were with him. You are



By Homer A. Kent, Jr., Th.D.

not also one of his disciples, are you?" (Luke 22:56, John 18:25).

Thus it was easy for Peter to deny his Lord and say "No." It was the answer expected. All Peter had to do was "go along" with the thought of his questioner. How often Satan gets us to take that first sinful step by making it seem the easy and natural thing to do.

## The Second Denial

The variations among the accounts appear more obvious at the second denial. Mark says "the maid"

(i.e. the same one as before) made the accusation. Matthew says it was "another maid." Luke says it was "a man," and John says it was "they" (the ones around the fire). Clearly then, the accusation of Peter this second time was made by more than one person.

The events can be reconstructed in the following way. The first maid related her suspicions to another servant girl, and she in turn (or both together) spread the information to others of the bystanders. A man actually challenged Peter with the assertion, "Thou art also one of them" (Luke 22:58), and was joined by others at the fire who asked it as a question (John 18:25).

But John once more reveals that the answer expected by the questioners was "No." They said: "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" Their suspicions were aroused, but they hardly expected him to admit to being a disciple. Again Peter succumbed to temptation and gave the answer expected. Because he gave the answer once, it did not seem much worse to do so again. This time, however, he added an oath to confirm his lie (Matt. 26:72).

## The Third Denial

About an hour later (Luke 22:59) the bystanders again took up their pestering of Peter. Among his tormentors was a kinsman of Malchus whose ear Peter had severed (John 18:26). When he phrased his question, he did so in a different manner. He felt certain of the guilt of Peter, and stated his accusation in these words: "I saw you in the garden with Him, didn't I?" Here the answer expected was "yes." Now Peter could not go along with his questioner without contradicting his previous assertions. But being emboldened by his former denials, he now openly and categorically said: "I know not what thou sayest."

How often sin entraps us in similar fashion. At first it seems so harmless, hardly worth the effort of taking a stand in opposition to the thinking of those around us. Yet sooner or later sin will trap us, forcing us into the open, and the dreadful shame of sin will be exposed for all to see. Let Peter's experience instruct us in the subtlety of the Evil One.



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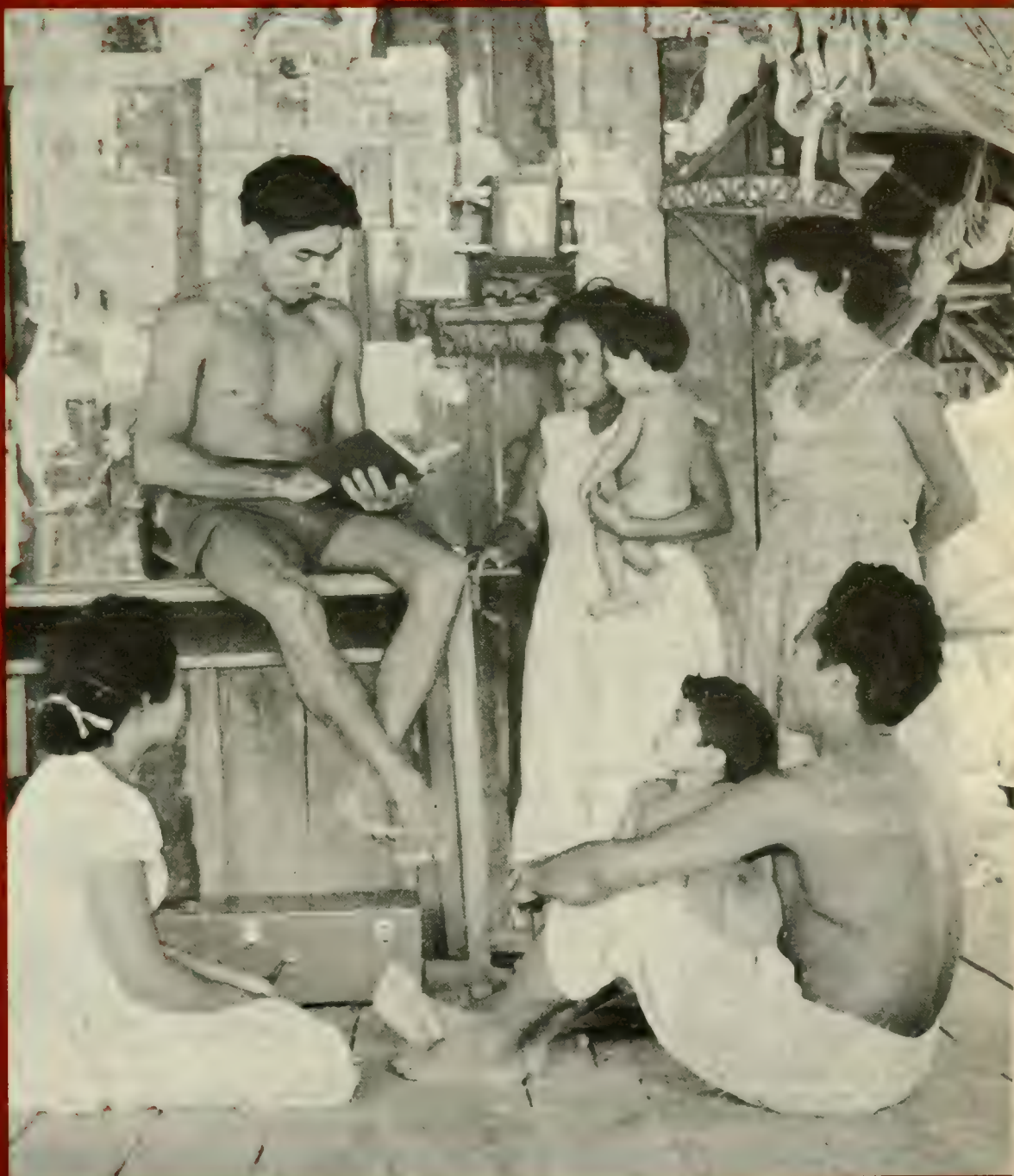
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For the second time Brethren foreign missions is devoting its whole space in an issue of the *Missionary Herald* to the cause of Christian literature. Some of the activities and challenges from several of our fields are presented here. May you remember regularly before the Lord this vital element in the work of present-day foreign missions!

## ELO Conference Held in Bozoum

"Stop when you are through," advised Miss Marjorie Shelley, guest speaker at the ELO Conference held this past December 5-15 at Bozoum, Central African Republic. Realizing the need for better literature on the field and better publicity at home, the Protestant missions of this republic and the Tchad requested the Evangelical Literature Overseas organization to send a speaker for a literature conference. The Grace Brethren Mission acted as hostess to three sister missions—the Baptist Mid-Missions, the Sudan United Mission, and the Swedish Baptist Mission. Thirty delegates profited from the ten days of stimulating classes which were held in English for the Americans and Canadians, and in French for the Swedish, Swiss, French, and Africans.

The morning sessions were aimed to help missionaries produce literature more effectively. With a lecture on basic principles of effective writing as a foundation, Miss Shelley gave her class practical pointers on news, article, and fiction writing, plus in-



By Mrs. George E. Cone, Jr.

formation and advice on tracts and prayer letters. She encouraged her students to write, but she also warned them to stop when they are through.

French-speaking African students profited from the afternoon classes

which were geared to their particular needs. We trust that these sessions will prove fruitful in developing more enthusiasm for writing among our Christian nationals.

During the informal evening sessions the group discussed subjects pertinent to the special needs of our mission publications. The editors of our two magazines, the *Sango Trompette Evangelique* (Evangelical Trumpet) and the French *Vaincre* (Conqueror), anticipate better content and layout, and increased circulation as a result of the practical suggestions of these sessions. We appreciated the prayerful counsel and direction our speaker gave us as we prepared recommendations to our respective field councils, and in helping us evaluate and plan our literature program.

Among the highlights of the conference was the morning devotional period with Mr. Paul Metzler as speaker. His forty years of service in Africa amply supplied him with timely illustrations for his challenging messages.

The conference strengthened the ties of fellowship and cooperation between the participating missions as well as building enthusiasm for more and better literature for Africa today. Impressed with the practicality of the program, we anticipate in the future another such conference with more African participation and a greater emphasis on production and distribution. With these goals in mind, we will endeavor in the Lord *not* to stop until we are through.



COVER PHOTO

On "Possum Island" in the Amazon River, family members and relatives listen as a Brazilian man reads from the Word of God. Here, as in every other area of the earth, Christian literature is important!

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**M**uch emphasis is currently placed on the importance of literature on the various mission fields. Most missionary societies are devoting a great deal of energy to literature programs, and in recent years a number of new organizations have been dedicated exclusively to the printing and distribution of tracts and booklets.

In France, as well as in other fields, the distribution of literature plays an important and vital part in the ministry of the missionaries. Yet though literature offers an excellent means of making known the truth, there are limitations to its effectiveness. These limitations must be recognized so that our zeal to sow God's message by the printed page may be fully exploited.

Paul, the greatest of all mission-

us never fall into the error of thinking that literature will replace the need for men and women on the mission fields. Let us not think that we have fulfilled our responsibility to the Great Commission simply when we have covered an area with gospel tracts.

Though we recognize its limitations, we have nevertheless found literature to be an extremely valuable tool in the work of evangelism in France. In fact, in three areas of our work we have found it to be indispensable.

First, it is about the only method we have found for leaving a message with those who refuse to *hear* the good news. In France people do not readily attend evangelistic meetings. Moreover, house-to-house efforts in an attempt to talk with people face



Brother Julien with window display and tract rack at the "Centre Evangelique"

leaving a witness for those who refuse to hear, but it is also an excellent way of making contact with those who would like to hear.

Nearly all literature used in France carries with it an offer of either a Gospel of John or a New Testament to anyone who sends in his address. A number of interested people are contacted through this offer—people who might otherwise never be discovered. When a contact such as this is made, there is an opportunity to bear personal witness to such individuals.

Though the people of France are indifferent to spiritual things, I am convinced that there are still many who are searching for something which satisfies. Here is a part of a letter received from one such person. How many more are there like this woman in France?

"Sir: I received from you a copy of the New Testament and also the booklet, 'An Introduction to the Study of the Bible,' for which I thank you.

"I have read them. I have even studied them carefully and with an open heart, for believe me, these things interest me.

"Yes, I understand now that those who have not read the Bible cannot know God in all His magnitude. God is good, and I know that He can pardon . . . God exists—this is sure. The Holy Spirit also. But how can you make others understand, those who do not wish to believe, or who mock you when you speak to them of the Bible, or of God himself." (Continued next page)

## The Witness of

# Christian Literature in France

By Rev. Tom Julien

aries, wrote: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." It is significant, in reading the entire tenth chapter of Romans from which this statement is taken, that Paul emphasizes the *messenger* perhaps even more than the *message*. He says that faith comes by *hearing*. Some misquote this verse to make it say that faith comes from the Word of God directly, but Paul seems to indicate that it is impossible to separate the personal element from the Scriptures and still expect results.

A gospel tract can, in its printed form, "preach the gospel," but no piece of literature can serve as a personal witness of the transforming power of God. To make converts, two kinds of seed must be sown: the Word of God (Mark 4:14), and the children of the kingdom (Matt. 13:38).

The Gospel is extremely personal, and its power can be demonstrated only through persons. Therefore let

to face have not shown too much success, for the French are somewhat suspicious of strangers who come to their door.

But though conversations are sometimes hard to obtain on spiritual matters, one can be reasonably certain that literature, properly distributed, will be read. The French are a nation of readers, witnessed by the fact that there are 113 daily newspapers in the country. Illiteracy is quite rare, and bookshops and magazine stands are everywhere.

The oft-quoted verse, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void," is not simply in the Bible to comfort those who see a barrenness of results—it is a promise of God, a promise which can certainly be applied to the millions of pages of the Scripture which have prayerfully been distributed in France.

The second area of our work in which we have found literature to be valuable is related to the first: not only is literature a means of



# Literature Day in Tijuana

By Rev. Walter Haag

LITERATURE! How can it be used? In an effort to show our Mexican young people the use of literature, especially of tracts, we dedicated one of the Friday evening young people's meetings to literature, and called it "Literature Day" to try to encourage them to use tracts.

The use and value of tracts was explained, and many of the tracts available in Spanish on salvation and Christian growth were on display. The American Bible Society had loaned posters of "The Bible in Many Languages," which was very interesting to the young people as they compared the same portion with what they knew in their own.

After the meeting, all of the young people were taken downtown to the Christian bookstore, "Libreria La Voz," where they were each given a bookmark and saw more of what was available in the way of books for study, Christian fiction, and other materials to help them in serving their Lord.

This was a valuable meeting in making our Mexican youth more aware of what is available for their use in the field of Christian literature.

Identification of pictures: Top: Display of tracts and posters at rear of church; sign reads: "The pen is more powerful than the sword!" Two lower pictures: Young people in the "Libreria La Voz" bookstore



The third area in which literature is indispensable is the training of those who have responded. In France many fine organizations, such as the Navigators, make available their Bible correspondence courses for new converts and other interested persons. The European Bible Institute, where Brother Fred Fogle is currently teaching, has a complete curriculum of courses by correspondence. Especially valuable are these in France, where it is

sometimes difficult to have access to good Bible training.

Seeing the need of providing Christian literature for believers, we have made available to the people of the "Centre Evangelique" a small lending library. Christian books are not so plentiful in France as in the United States, but perhaps the titles are more carefully chosen for printing, since only a limited number of books come off the Christian presses each year.

Increasingly important efforts are being made in the field of literature in France. This summer a student movement has the vision of covering every one of the nearly 40,000 towns and villages of France with tracts. Are you having a part in this great ministry of literature through your prayers? We do appreciate the generosity of those who have made the French literature fund possible, and who are continuing to contribute regularly.

# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director      Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



## VISITING BRAZIL



Uncle Clyde had a great time with the children in Brazil. At Icoaraci the Sunday-school boys and girls had their picture taken with him in front of their new church.

How would you like to visit an island church? When you pull up to the St. Anthony Bay Brethren Church, you might see Senhor Heitor Carman and his family welcoming you to their island. They live next to the church and would be very happy to show you around.






Not everyone in Brazil travels by oxcart! But, some do, and it is interesting to see.

Uncle Clyde visited Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil. All the buildings are brandnew and very modern. We thought you might like to see one of their schools. Each classroom opens into a little garden. It's almost like having school right outdoors! Wouldn't that be fun?

I hope you will remember to pray for the boys and girls in Brazil, MH'ers, and for our missionaries as they tell them about Jesus.

MARY MISSIONARY—

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<p>I'M GLAD WE HAVE BOOKSTORES ON SOME OF OUR MISSION FIELDS!</p> 	<p>SO AM I - BUT WE NEED MANY MORE</p> 	<p>THAT'S TRUE! PEOPLE NEED <b>GOOD</b> READING MATERIAL - CHRISTIAN BOOKS AND MAGAZINES</p> 	<p>NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE BOOKSTORES GIVE A WITNESS FOR THE LORD TO THEIR CUSTOMERS WHO ARE NOT CHRISTIANS</p> 	<p>LET'S PRAY FOR <b>MANY</b> CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES TO BE OPENED IN FOREIGN LANDS!</p> <p>YES!</p> 
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▼ A Brethren missionary was privileged to be in attendance—

## OBSERVATIONS ON THE HUAMPANI CONFERENCE

Huampani is a government-built hotel located in the steep barren mountains some fifteen miles from the capital city of Lima, Peru. The main purpose for this place is to give the common worker the opportunity to take a short vacation for very little expense. Though one would not call it a place of great luxury, the accommodations are quite adequate. For about two dollars a day one receives both room and board. This was the place chosen to hold the Second Evangelical Conference on Communications and Evangelism.

Built around the theme "The Good News by New Methods to the New World," the conference gave ample opportunity to share ideas and reach some positive conclusions collectively concerning the most effective way of "getting out the Gospel." A strong evangelical atmosphere was present, and the worth of the soul and its need for Christ was kept before the delegates at all times. A genuine Christian comradeship was felt, and one was not aware of professional pride or an attempt to belittle anyone's ideas or methods. It seemed a very wholesome atmosphere in which to investigate the most effective way of evangelization.

The practical purpose of the conference was that each one there might expand his vision. It was recognized that not all methods are the best for all places. The work of the Lord demands versatility and a wide knowledge so as to adapt one's approach to the existing situation. But at the same time it was felt that there are those tried and proved principles which give direction when it is time for action.

Representation was great and from almost every mission group imaginable. Probably the most represented groups were Latin American Mission, Missionary Alliance,

Methodist, Conservative Baptist, Independent Baptist, Assembly of God, and Free Brethren. Independent groups, as well as independent workers, were in abundance. This varied representation gave ample opportunity for exchange of ideas, and in this respect mealtimes proved one of the most profitable times of the conference, for almost always one sat with different delegates.

Conference days started at seven o'clock as we met in the conference room for early morning devotions. Fernando Vangioni, Free Brethren



By Rev. Robert J. Cover

evangelist from Buenos Aires, proved faithful to the Word in practical challenges built around the theme of the conference. This devotional period was about the best attended session of the conference, and all expressed their appreciation for the practical spiritual help of these times of meditation. After this the delegates gathered in the dining room for breakfast and, following the meal, there came a general assembly where a special thesis was given by a specialist in that field. Then each delegate selected a work-

shop where those interested met to discuss the best way to accomplish the specific goal. This pattern was also followed in the afternoon. The evenings were filled with a variety of films, conferences, debates, and exhibits. Every effort was made to give the delegate information as to materials available in the fields of literature and radio.

Methods and techniques were quite fully explained in the published notes. But here are some of the general ideas gleaned personally from the conference.

### General Plan for Christian Literature

In all our planning, care must be taken to give first place to the Bible itself, which is the basis and best of all Christian literature. Next in importance is literature for the converted—to build up the saints. This is taken from the basic responsibility of the apostles: "Feed my sheep." Then we can spend time on literature specifically for the unsaved. It is to be remembered that the Bible and *Pilgrim's Progress* are still the most effective Christian literature, and both were written primarily for Christians.

A strong emphasis was made that we must put out quality work. Like it or not we are skilled workers, or should be, in the business of evangelization. Only in this way will we legitimately use the finances given us for missionary work.

Possibilities of evangelization are only as limited as our vision. We must continually widen our vision to meet the demands of an awakening world. People are learning to read as never before. Literacy should be part of the training program of the church. And these new literates must have something to read. They are going to read something. What will it be? This group might be called one of the key groups with whom we have to contend. Other groups are *pastors and workers*, which might be the real key group; *youth and students* who we are losing to the world at an alarming rate; and *professionals* who are often unconsciously considered as unreachable and seldom given much consideration.



The EFMA Missionary News Service reports on a meeting of significance—

## Evangelism Is Keynote of Conference

The Second Evangelical Conference on Communications and Evangelism held at Huampani, Lima, Peru, September 17-26 (1962), drew 303 delegates from twenty-four countries to consider means of communicating the Gospel and methods of evangelism. Long hours were devoted to concentrated study and prayer as the delegates sought effective ways of accomplishing the complete evangelization of Latin America.

The first three days of the conference were dedicated to use of literature in evangelism, dealing not only with the general need, but also with specific methods of advancing literature work. This section of the program was under the auspices of Evangelical Literature for Latin America (LEAL).

Directed by Inter-American Gospel Communications (popularly known as DIA), another three days were given to a study of radio, TV, and audio-visuals. Gospel broadcasters from all over the world assembled for a mutual exchange of know-how and experience in this field.

The conference closed with a three-day consultation on evangelism sponsored by an interdenominational committee known as CLASE (Consulta Latino-Americana Sobre Evangelismo). CLASE's program had a dual thrust: to increase the church's vision for evangelism, and to share methods now being used effectively.

In the opening session the Rev. Ruben Lores, pastor of the Bible Temple of San Jose, Costa Rica, sounded the keynote of CLASE as he proclaimed: "The call to evangelism comes from God. This is in

itself the most powerful reason we have for throwing ourselves with all that we are and all that we have into the great task of evangelization."

"It is possible," he said, "for the church to give a call to evangelism for reasons of politics, strategy, or for mere survival. It is possible that an individual will give himself to evangelism for vain personal reasons, but in God the driving force is His intense love toward men, and this love produces an intense and effective effort. God has brought us to this place to move us in intensity and instruct us in effectiveness in evangelism."

Able speakers from the national church and from the missionary force dealt with such vital topics as: Total Mobilization of the Local Church, Lay Evangelism, Bible Correspondence Courses, Evangelism-in-Depth, and Follow-up. Practical instruction was given in workshops on the evangelization of students, children, teen-agers, and businessmen and professionals.

Leaders of the evangelical movement in Central and South America named a continuing committee on evangelism to be known as CLASE (Comite Latino-Americano Sobre Evangelismo). Its purpose will be to spark a united Christian witness throughout Latin America. Evangelist-pastor Fernando Vangioni, of Argentina, was elected chairman of the all-Latin committee of nine, representing Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, Chile, and Argentina.

"This may prove to be the most significant step taken in the history of the Gospel in Latin America," observed one delegate. "These men mean business for the Lord."

In all this we must not forget that our message is the Bible and the risen Christ—not politics, economy, or social development. It was interesting the way prophecy was mentioned as one topic we might study and preach more.

### Cooperation

Communism is a threat. It is alarmingly successful. But we must not think that we can succeed by merely following their pattern. Nor must we over-emphasize a negative attitude toward it, thereby losing the fervent positive message of the risen Lord. Though we must unite in spirit to defeat Satan on all fronts of the battle, we must avoid over organizing and thereby lose the individual emphasis and freedom which is so vital to a healthy, truly spiritual existence.

To be really effective, literature and radio need to actively complement each other. Each can advertise the other. Especially is this true if both are under the same general board or organization.

In thinking of "cooperation," principles and ethics are a must, and one cannot be effective with either the absolute exclusive nor the totally ecumenical attitude.

### Financing

The wise use of God's money is very important. Skill is demanded to get the most out of what we have. Sometimes one should experiment with a new idea on a small scale to see how it goes before putting a large outlay of money into a given project.

It is sometimes found that individual groups because of lack of investigation, duplicate translations,

constructions, and so forth, thus making extra work and expense. Before any large expenditure of money, any matter should be thoroughly investigated to make sure there is no more economical way of doing it. The point was also made that in investigation, reporting, and asking for funds we should be complete and definite, and plans should be fully explained to superiors so there can be the best cooperation and effectiveness by all concerned.

### General Results of Conference

Undoubtedly the biggest result was the personal challenge each one received to see more clearly the vision of what should be done in these fields. In both literature and radio there was a call for more skilled na-

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# The Printed Page

## in Emerging Africa

What could we not accomplish by means of the printed page?

In the old days, it was common to speak of Africa as "the dark continent." But recent trends are making tremendous changes. Africa is an emerging continent. Perhaps this emergence is nowhere more significant than in the field of education. In certain portions of central Africa, as late as 1950 it was estimated that not more than 2 or 3 percent of the population was literate. In some of these same areas now the percentage of literates is estimated at 25 percent and upward. In other words, in twelve years literacy has increased 800 to 1,200 percent.

How has this increase come? Let us take one government post as an example. Back in 1950 there was only one three-room school building for the entire district of Batangafo with its 32,000 people. The three teachers had less than 150 pupils. This year, at the same post there are seventeen schoolrooms with an equal number of teachers and between 1,200 and 1,400 pupils. In addition to these there are perhaps a dozen other schoolhouses in the principal villages of the district.

The alert and thoughtful Christian will be quick to realize the opportunities which these new developments present. The power of the printed page as a preacher and teacher of the truth cannot be gainsaid. The printed page *can* reach people for Christ. For instance, there is the story of the Congolese truck driver who was handed a tract as he was driving away in his truck. Miles away he pulled out the tract, which he had stuffed carelessly into his pocket, read it and was convicted of his need of the Saviour.

The tract and the printed page

can do what a missionary or even a national worker or evangelist cannot do. They can go where a person cannot go. There are many prejudices against which the printed page does not have to contend. It can be heard where the spoken word definitely could not and would not be heard. It will repeat its message without embarrassment as many times as it is needed to bring conviction.

This literacy increase not only offers opportunities, but also presents responsibilities. The adversaries of Christ *will* take advantage of it. They are taking advantage of it. Two of the most insidious cults of our time are now firmly entrenched in Bangui. Both of them are prolific producers and distributors of literature. They will not be slow in putting their poison print into the outstretched hands of these eager new readers. And many of the readers—in a measure naive—are likely to give their hearts to the cause which first catches their eyes and their thoughts. It is a "must" that we should reach out to them with every instrument at our disposition, and NOW. Tomorrow the doors of opportunity might be closed.

### EVANGELISM . . .

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tionals, probably involving a certain amount of training at mission level. Two new organizations were formed—the Latin American Association of Evangelical Publishers and the Latin American Association of Evangelical Journalists. The latter is already planning a two-week training conference for actual or would-be-evangelical journalists to take place next



By Rev. Robert S. Williams

Today the new emerging Africa is a land of opportunity for those who are concerned to serve the Master and fulfill His great commission. Today there is a vital, pressing need for all kinds of talent and training in the field of literature. The Lord needs writers, typists, artists, pressmen, photographers, teachers, radio men. Whatever your gift, He can without a doubt use you.

Yes, great indeed are the possibilities of the printed page in emerging Africa today. It can and will be used by the forces of evil. It may be, *it must be* used by the church of Jesus Christ to proclaim His life and salvation to lost and needy men. What will *you* do about it? It behooves every child of God to bow his head and heart anew before his Lord and Master in complete dedication to His service. We must not fail Him in these precious closing moments of the age.

year, possibly in Cochabamba, Bolivia. The date and place of the next Conference on Communications was set for 1964, again at Huampani.

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I am very grateful to our Lord and to all those who gave their consent, encouragement, and help to my making the trip. It is my prayer that this conference will prove of eternal value to our work, especially here in Argentina.

# CHURCHES

## SHOWING INCREASE

*These churches gave this much more for Brethren Foreign Missions in 1962 than in 1961*

1. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) . . . . .	\$4,849.97	47. Yakima, Wash. . . . .	156.83
2. Long Beach, Calif. (North) . . . . .	4,636.42	48. Albany, Oreg. . . . .	155.68
3. Rittman, Ohio . . . . .	1,938.65	49. Camden, Ohio . . . . .	154.73
4. Compton, Calif. . . . .	1,768.69	50. Accident, Md. . . . .	151.00
5. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) . . . . .	1,591.35	51. Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street) . . . . .	148.90
6. Wooster, Ohio . . . . .	1,399.92	52. Gardena, Calif. . . . .	144.96
7. Meyersdale, Pa. . . . .	1,375.40	53. Tucson, Ariz. . . . .	142.53
8. Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma) . . . . .	1,249.08	54. South Bend, Ind. . . . .	140.20
9. Berne, Ind. . . . .	1,210.16	55. Fremont, Ohio (Grace) . . . . .	132.98
10. Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . .	1,004.42	56. Listie, Pa. . . . .	116.52
11. Flora, Ind. . . . .	922.42	57. West Covina, Calif. . . . .	99.00
12. Middlebranch, Ohio . . . . .	903.44	58. Portland, Oreg. . . . .	97.21
13. Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos) . . . . .	822.54	59. Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary) . . . . .	91.49
14. Conemaugh, Pa. . . . .	803.01	60. LaVerne, Calif. . . . .	88.54
15. Lancaster, Pa. . . . .	776.83	61. Cuba, N. Mex. . . . .	82.46
16. Warsaw, Ind. . . . .	663.61	62. Johnson City, Tenn. . . . .	80.72
17. Everett, Pa. . . . .	654.51	63. Modesto, Calif. (Community) . . . . .	77.93
18. Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park) . . . . .	621.60	64. Homerville, Ohio . . . . .	76.53
19. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) . . . . .	548.33	65. Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace) . . . . .	74.70
20. Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) . . . . .	539.34	66. Buena Vista, Va. . . . .	61.79
21. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) . . . . .	533.16	67. Norton Village, Ohio . . . . .	61.55
22. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace) . . . . .	526.89	68. Altoona, Pa. (Grace) . . . . .	58.05
23. Paramount, Calif. . . . .	476.88	69. Leon, Iowa . . . . .	54.43
24. Portis, Kans. . . . .	475.84	70. Toppenish, Wash. . . . .	52.24
25. Bell, Calif. . . . .	468.95	71. Grand Rapids, Mich. . . . .	51.50
26. Canton, Ohio . . . . .	420.36	72. Winona, Minn. . . . .	45.50
27. Grandview, Wash. . . . .	400.51	73. Cleveland, Ohio . . . . .	45.17
28. Limestone, Tenn. . . . .	361.30	74. Margate, Fla. . . . .	44.33
29. Winchester, Va. . . . .	351.42	75. Albuquerque, N. Mex. . . . .	42.66
30. Peru, Ind. . . . .	321.25	76. San Jose, Calif. . . . .	42.43
31. Rialto, Calif. . . . .	317.00	77. Fillmore, Calif. . . . .	37.80
32. Elkhart, Ind. . . . .	294.97	78. Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) . . . . .	30.20
33. Harrah, Wash. . . . .	290.06	79. San Diego, Calif. . . . .	26.27
34. Danville, Ohio . . . . .	249.16	80. Boone's Mill, Va. . . . .	25.00
35. Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville) . . . . .	244.46	81. Taos, N. Mex. . . . .	23.91
36. Jefferson Center, Pa. . . . .	225.58	82. Jenners, Pa. . . . .	23.75
37. Findlay, Ohio . . . . .	220.85	83. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio . . . . .	23.40
38. Altoona, Pa. (First) . . . . .	217.80	84. West Alexandria, Ohio . . . . .	21.58
39. Ashland, Ohio . . . . .	216.99	85. Washington, Pa. . . . .	20.12
40. York, Pa. . . . .	210.34	86. Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn) . . . . .	19.44
41. Glendale, Calif. . . . .	209.74	87. Sidney, Ind. . . . .	17.76
42. Akron, Ohio (First) . . . . .	200.36	88. Kokomo, Ind. . . . .	14.27
43. Chico, Calif. . . . .	179.21	89. Beaver City, Nebr. . . . .	8.85
44. Duncansville, Pa. . . . .	175.27	90. Denver, Colo. . . . .	7.94
45. Berrien Springs, Mich. . . . .	165.21	91. Arbury Hills, Ill. . . . .	7.19
46. Cheyenne, Wyo. . . . .	158.43		



# A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

*By Masaka Foltz*

When one tries to put into words his experience of Jesus Christ becoming his personal Saviour, it becomes a most difficult task. However, with the Lord's help, I shall try to relay to you, as best I can, my testimony of Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

First of all, I am originally of Japanese nationality, but now I am a naturalized citizen of the United States, for which I am very thankful and proud.

When I first arrived in the U.S. back in 1957, I had quite an experience which I wish to tell you about. I flew to the U.S. from Okinawa with my then four-month-old son, Bobby. It was my first trip on an airplane, and I was going to a new country of which I knew very little, so as you can imagine, I was a bit frightened. I arrived about forty-eight hours and 10,000 miles later and there wasn't anyone to meet me at the airport. My husband was supposed to be there, but the airline had failed to notify him of my arrival time, so there I was alone, in a new country with a four-month-old-baby and the only person I knew was my husband, and he was eighty miles away in Hagerstown, Maryland. With the help of the airline, I was able to contact my husband and within three hours he was there to take me to my new home. It is difficult to say how happy I was when I saw my husband, but I *can* say that not even this can begin to compare with my experience of having Jesus Christ come into my heart.

I only tell the above story to try, in some small way, to tell you the joy of my own conversion. Just as I was alone and needed help that day at the airport, I was even more alone and in need the day Jesus came into my heart.

Little did I know at that time, how very big a decision I had made that night at Rev. J. K. Peter's house, but my everyday living with Jesus Christ makes me realize that it was the biggest decision of my entire life. I cannot take the time to tell you how troubled my life was, but I can say that when I thought that I was beyond help, the Lord Jesus Christ came into my life and straightened it out completely. He has taught me: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Pet. 5:7). I am thankful that this is now the theme of my life and Jesus has made it that way. He has also brought my husband back into fellowship as a Christian and made our home a Christ-centered home.

I want to say also that I thank the Lord Jesus for Brother and Mrs. Peters and for their part in my salvation. It was through their prayers and the prayers of the other Christians at the Calvary Brethren Church that my husband and I came to the Lord. My husband and I now desire to live and raise our three children in a Christian home, and with His help, we will.

—From WMC News, Mid-Atlantic District

# Parental Instruction



Mrs. Clouse and son

*By Mrs. Robert Clouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa*

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (Deut. 6:6-7).

This command was given by God to Jewish parents many hundreds of years ago with the intent that future generations would also fear and trust Jehovah. The understanding that God was "one Lord" and that He was to be loved with all of one's being was first of all to be in the hearts of those who did the teaching. It was to be something they knew to be true because they experienced it as a vital part of their lives. The commandments and words uttered that day by God through His servant Moses were to be remembered by them so well that at any time they would be able to recall them. Not only were they to remember them in their hearts, but they were also to actively teach these words and commandments to their children: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

Notice the time when this teaching was to be done. "Thou . . . shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (v. 7). This teaching was to be constant. It was to take place all during the day. Whether upon rising, or actively engaged in the day's tasks, or going to bed made no difference. All these were times for speaking of Jehovah, of His promises, of His past goodness.

If God saw reasons for this Jewish nation to take the medium of parental instruction to keep the children in the fear of the Lord, should we not as parents today also take to heart the importance of this method of teaching our own children the things of the Lord? I believe it is in this respect that many of us as Christian parents are failing. Perhaps each should look carefully at a typical day with our children. What is it like in your home?

Let us say that you and your husband are both believers, and you have dedicated the children to the Lord. You are both desirous that your children will also become believers, but are you doing the things that will encourage this decision on the part of your offspring? The alarm rings in the morning—you are tired and a little irritable—company the night before—the baby must have cried at least three times during the night—wonder if he's getting sick—there is breakfast to get and lunches to make for the two oldest children—the next hour will be a frantic hurry—and it is! There seems to be no time for the diligent teaching mentioned in Deuteronomy 6:7. What about the evening hours when the children are home again? What is the topic of conversation at the supper table—Dad's day at work, your detailed account of how sick the baby was and how tired you are, a lecture to the oldest children on table manners? All of these may be legitimate, but have you not lost another opportunity to impart to your

charges the importance of God's words and commandments. Perhaps by the time you have settled a dispute about which television program should be on and given some help with the children's homework, another day is gone. You read them a Bible story, have prayer with them, and kiss them goodnight.

If this is a typical day, your children will grow up knowing more about the Bible than most children even from Christian homes. The Bible story every night gives them this information, but is this the diligent teaching spoken of in Deuteronomy? Do they get the feeling that the Scriptures are paramount? Or does physical health, or making a living, or fun come first?

The solution to this dilemma will have to be worked out by each Christian family. Some of us mothers who work away from home each day may need to think more about the quality rather than the quantity of time spent with our children. The Sunday school, the Christian Day School are two methods used, but neither can take the place of parental instruction, nor should be used by parents as a substitute for their own responsibility. Let us all consider our own thoughts and conversations and work out a plan whereby our children will obtain a proper understanding of God's Word and commandments. Even believers are unwittingly carried along by other values which seemingly are good, but they effectively crowd out the best.



# Peanut Butter Cookies

By Helen M. Dunkelberger

Winona Lake, Indiana

As Mommie greased the third cookie sheet, little Joy (aged 2) "worked" busily with the measuring spoons, checking each one for size. One glance to the side revealed a second little "cook" engrossed in her present profession, which Mommie interrupted with "But Dearie, there's *more* to peanut butter cookies than just that!" Mommie scraped the globs of pure peanut butter off the cookie sheet and reserved them.

"Now girls, you may *help* me if you do *just* as I say," cautioned Mommie as she handed a spoon, measuring cup, and a can of shortening to Janni (age 4). "See this mark? Fill it up to here."

The warmth of the oven matched their degree of excitement on this special baking day. Soon Janni solicited more experienced help with "Mommie, you 'shovel' this in!" Mommie tried to conceal a smile while helping with the gooey, sticky shortening. Joy examined it, then, licking a finger, informed the chief cook: "I don't like *these* cookies!"

"Oh, Honey, you don't eat this *alone*. Wait to see what else we'll put in it," Mommie explained.

My! such busy cooks. Mommie gave them some tiny lumps of brown sugar and put the remainder in a *sealed* container. "O-ho! so *that's* the way you help me—eating brown sugar," laughed Mommie. Joy retorted: "Don't let us eat all your food!"

"Oh! Mommie *gave* it to you, dear, so it's all right."

Smacking her hungry lips, Joy announced, all smiles: "These cookies are *good*!"

Intermittently Joy questioned: "Now theys all done?"

"No, Honey, not quite yet—pretty soon," Mommie encouraged while trying to prevent them from eating it raw.

Soon the mixing was done and

each cook pressed her fork on various shaped (supposedly round) cookies, noticing the hard lumps of sugar did not easily yield to mixing or pressure. The air filled with the unmistakable, delectable aroma of peanuts. All ears were keyed to the timer bell, and their anticipation grew keener with each breath.

Bzzz-zz! Finally! All cooks raced to the "grand opening." Pride of accomplishment tingled in the air as shining eyes watched the first batch of golden beauties as they were lifted from the oven. "Ahh-h! But they're too *hot* right *now*, dearies. Pretty soon you may each have one. Pretty soon!" promised Mommie. But "pretty soon" seemed too long to young hearts (an to not-so-young ones, too, Mommie thought.) However, when the warm, soft cookies were presented, the "mm-mm's," closed eyes, and "thank-you's" were indicative of delicious satisfaction. (And Mommie had at least a couple, also!)

As Mommie made a pyramid of cookies on an antique glass cake plate (so they'd catch Daddy's eye when he arrived home), she thought of the Lord's wisdom in contrast to her own. Smiling, she thought of those big blobs of peanut butter! How childish we often must seem in His eyes; yet how very understanding, how utterly patient is He. And her little ones are not even able to read yet, but neither is she! He does not want us to read His wise recipe for our lives in one omniscient glance. He only asks for an obedient, trusting step—one at a time. And how very much our dependence upon Him must please Him (Col. 3:17)! How He loves to guide that "spoon" with His strong arm—with His hand over ours! Why, if she were making it alone, she'd likely add solid globs of pure enjoyment in large bunches. And she cringed at

what the outcome would be with no "shortening," no unpleasant ingredients—unpleasant alone (Heb. 12:11); yet so necessary for the molding of the will, the formation of Christ-likeness. And we plead, "Don't let us," when we should realize only the good, the perfect ingredients are from Him (James 1:17).

The hard lumps? Well, perhaps there are things that are sweet, pleasant, that are all right in themselves, but what about the total product? And its influence (Phil. 1:10 Amp. V.)? And is it stubborn, unyielding, even hardened to the Master Cook's pressure? Is He pleased with it? Have I allowed Him to put it through His baking fires, His testing (1 Pet. 1:7)? And would I be willing to hand it over to Him if He should desire it?

To think that our lives when directed of Him, when in His strength, can cause even the Lord, the Master of the universe, the Master of His truly dedicated children to have pleasure and satisfaction—it thrilled her (Phil. 2:13 Amp. V.)! Then we will turn around to Him and say "Thank You, oh thank You, dear Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17).

With renewed vitality, Mommie placed the last batch of cookies in the oven and hummed,

## DAY BY DAY

By Lina Sandell

Day by day, and with each passing moment,  
Strength I find to meet my trials here;  
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,  
Gives unto each day what He deems best,  
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,  
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me,  
With a special mercy for each hour;  
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer  
me.

He whose name is Counsellor and Pow'r.  
The protection of His child and treasure  
Is a charge that on himself He laid;  
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in  
measure"—

This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then, in every tribulation,  
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,  
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,  
Offered me within Thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble  
meeting.

E'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
One by one, the days, the moment's  
fleeting,

Till I reach the promised land.



Mrs. Randall Maycumber  
writes from Brazil . . .

If I were a "genie" I would like to bring you all here to Brazil with me to hear the

Sounds  
of a  
Macapa  
Night!

In the distance you would hear typewriters.  
This sound is coming from our typing school. Our home is the second floor of the typing and sewing school. You would enjoy seeing this also. The Brazilians look at the picture of a garment and then begin to measure, and so on, and before you know it, everything fits. I wish you could meet the teacher who came from Belem to teach this year. She has a ready smile and most important, she loves and witnesses for Jesus.  
You would also hear the sound of voices!  
The young folks have just returned from church and are lingering out front talking as do all teen-agers. These need your prayers to be able to overcome the daily temptation, and to become leaders of The Brethren Church in Brazil.

You would hear sounds—  
From the neighborhood bar a loudspeaker shouts all night. I rarely pay attention to it anymore, it is all a part of life here. These places of sin make us aware of the enemy about us. "Lord, may we never accept these as part of us."  
May we all keep our eyes and ears geared to the sound from the lips of our Lord: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields. . . go ye!" Do you hear the sound of souls passing swiftly, unknowingly, helplessly toward eternity without Christ?  
Psalm 126:3-6

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Camille Sue Cone . . . . . May 26, 1955  
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

- Rev. Robert J. Cover . . . . . May 19  
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S.A.  
Benjamin Paul Fay . . . . . May 22, 1961  
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Rev. James B. Marshall . . . . . May 28  
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- Victor Fredrick Fogle . . . . . May 1, 1949  
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Pictured above are the Clayhole, Kentucky church and parsonage, where Rev. and Mrs. Robert Dell minister.

## HEAVENLY PERFUME

BY MRS. ROBERT DELL

*Clayhole, Kentucky*

The children burst in from school laughing and talking, stopped short, sniffed, "Hey, Mom, whatcha baking?" M-m-m, it smelled like home!

A radiant bride, courageous groom, weary parents, and beaming guests comprise a wedding—and the delicate fragrance of flowers.

What makes spring? Feelings of relief from burdens of heavy clothing, heavy shoveling, heavy fuel bills; fantastic sights of pale shoots of green on barren trees, crocus buds peeping up in gay hues, and fresh smells of new grass, soft rain, narcissus.

What distinguishes Saks Fifth Avenue? Deep pile carpeting on the shoe salon, fifty-dollar blouses, and pervading the atmosphere, the sweet fragrance of a perfume identified by a small dignified sign on the door. Even with your eyes closed, you know you're not in Woolworth's.

The Lord, who "satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness" satisfies our every sense including the sense of smell. The Scriptures throughout seem to identify fragrance with prayer. In the Tabernacle the Altar of Incense

stood just outside the Holy of Holies. It was golden, and the incense was to be burned morning and evening, regularly, and was integrally connected with blood sacrifice. Just so, our worship should ascend to the throne regularly, and is not accepted apart from the Saviour's shed blood. The psalmist said: "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Ps. 141:2).

Perfume is made from plant or animal oils. Our heart-perfume must be blended by the Holy Spirit to ascend to the Father. And pressure is used to extract the oils. How blessed during times of deep heart-rending to think that the Father is extracting perfume. The sacrifice of thanksgiving smells sweet to Him!

Mary, who Jesus said "chose the better part," bought some costly ointment, and after He had eaten supper at her house, she anointed His travel-weary feet with it, and wiped it with her hair. It was such lovely perfume that the odor filled the whole house. But at least one of the guests saw only dollar signs and complained to Jesus about the extravagance. Jesus saw and smelled the

love and worship, and accepted it. It was for Him alone. "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved . . . the savour of life unto life." The money was a temporal thing and the Bible says temporal things pass away, but Mary exchanged it for an eternal thing. Our prayer is an eternal thing, and even perfumes heaven!

What will impress us when we get Home? Undoubtedly the breathtaking, indescribable beauty of the jewels, pearls, and purest gold; the heart-warming reunion with loved ones and friends; the soul-satisfaction of seeing Jesus "as He is." But after a while I think we'll sniff our resurrection noses forever free from hay fever and colds, and sigh: "Oh, what a heavenly fragrance." Two places in the Book of Revelation describe the fragrance of the prayers of the saints before the throne of God and before the Lamb, perfuming heaven (Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4).

The Lord has spoken to my heart about the perfume I am sending up. Am I allowing Him to mix the holy anointing oil in me, and pour it out before Him so that heaven will really "smell like Home"?

## LOOKING TO JESUS . . . IN ARGENTINA

By Mrs. Solon Hoyt

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3

# KEEP LOOKING UP



"Did you ever see such ears? They look like sails of a boat!"

"My, what elephant ears!"

"Such tiny cute ears!"

"How her ears stick out!"

Perhaps you have voiced some such opinion of another's ears. But just a minute, have you taken note of your own ears? "Oh, yes," you answer, "I take special care even to select just the right earrings according to the color of my dress." Unfortunately, things of this kind occupy the minds and time of too many girls who profess to be God's children. But we must pay close attention to what we hear and how we hear, for the ear is one of the widest gates to the soul.

Are your ears contaminated? It should not take much time or reasoning to convince a child of God that the great bulk of music, conversation, and discourse forcing itself upon our ears daily is not only unworthy of our hearing, but is also definitely contaminating.

In most every town in Argentina there are several clubhouses. They pretend to exist for physical and cultural development. But from the Biblical point of view they are dedicated to the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Each time they have one of their fleshly functions, the neighbors for blocks around are the victims because they have their

loudspeakers at top volume booming out "rock and roll," the names of raffle winners, or something like that. You may be sure that this is most perturbing at the Christmas season when our hearts are aglow with the thought of our Saviour's



Mrs. Hoyt

birth, and the many sweet memories of spiritual experiences of years past.

Some things are forced upon us. But what do we allow to flow freely into our ears? Be honest before God. How about those wicked conversations, filthy radio programs, and unhealthy TV programs?

Are your ears in tune with heaven? Many times the Scriptures refer to ears which hear not—heavy ears, dull of hearing. There was no lack of hearing the words, but the message never reached the mind or heart.

When we first came to Argentina, and for several long months after-

wards, we got very little meaning of what people said to us in Spanish. It seemed as though they were saying one long word. Even after we learned the individual words, we could hardly get the meaning. Our ears were just not tuned to their pronunciation and their speed in speaking.

How well we know that one can sit through sermon after sermon and not hear a thing the preacher says. Likewise, one can read the Word and not hear God's voice speaking to him. His ears and mind are tuned to other things.

While on furlough and during a visit to Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, a believer related an interesting incident from her father's last days on earth. While lying apparently listless on his bed, he heard something which no one else in the room heard. Sitting up in bed, he said: "Listen, Mother, there it is." Having spent his life on the railroad, especially with old steam engines, his ears were keenly tuned to them. Several years had passed without his having heard even one. For some reason that day one was in the vicinity. At the first sound of the whistle, his attention was called to it. It was music to his ears. Are heavenly things that way for you?

Do your ears itch? "For the time will come when they will not endure



## From Your National Assistant Patroness--

What am I doing for the youth today?  
Am I living in such a self-centered way  
That I see no further than my own front door  
And only what life holds for me in store?

What am I doing for the youth of our church?  
Am I really leaving them in the lurch ,  
That I'm only looking at those near around  
And saying: why, oh, why are they such clowns?

Lord, help me be concerned for those close by  
With a zeal to be helpful when they cry.  
That You may give me the right words to say  
And I, in turn, may help someone today.

Lord, help me rid my life of self  
And see the needs of those I can help,  
That the youth in our church will want to live  
More for You—and—GO, PRAY, or GIVE!  
—Mrs. Ralph C. Hall



sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (II Tim. 4:3). Have you grown tired of the simple truths of the Word of God? Does the Word of God speak too plainly against the things which you enjoy and want to continue practicing? Are you searching for other doctrines which appeal more to an unregenerate intellect and a sinful nature.

Not more than a month ago while visiting in a home, we asked an elderly lady if she believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. She related her full story. For years she had been a Catholic, but found no satisfaction there. She tried the evangelical faith, but was not satisfied either. Finally, someone invited her to The New Apostolic Church, a sect which was begun in Germany and directed from there. Here she said she found perfect contentment. This false sect prays for the dead, has no paid pastors, leaves the reading of the Bible, as well as the interpreting, to their apostles, and does not preach against sin. When your ears begin to itch for new and more pleasing doctrines, just kneel where you are and confess all your sins. The itch will disappear as the dew before the noon-day sun.

Are your ears plugged? In chapter 7 of the Book of Acts we read the account of Stephen's most revealing message as he traces the his-

tory of the Jews, showing their utter rebellion. So convincing was the evidence that there were only two reactions possible—repentance or denial. What do we read? "Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord" (Acts 7:57). Have you willfully plugged your ears to God's voice? In Spanish we have a very common and truthful saying: "No hay peor sordo que el que no quiere oir." (There is no one so deaf as he who cares not to hear.)

Plugged ears need not always be manifested by outward rebellion. Perhaps a consistent plan of indifference makes a better ear stopper than others. At this very moment, just a few blocks from us, a man of fifty years lies at death's door, but with ears stopped. Many believers and pastors have tried to reason with him. His wife has testified and

pleaded with him. But he remains in satisfied indifference.

Is the Lord trying to speak to you?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Let us dedicate our ears to God asking Him to direct us in all our listening activities. May He help us remove bad listening habits, and develop our good ones to a fuller extent.

2. Pray for your patroness and assistant by name that the Holy Spirit will continue to move and work in them for the glory of the Lord.

3. Pray for three missionaries by name from South America and France.

4. Pray for the young people of your church. Ask God to direct in all activities, including SMM, that each one will learn to know Jesus better and love Him more.

### Suggested Program for April

#### Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Sowing Seed"

Junior—Miss Rose Snyder

Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker

Senior—Mrs. Donald E. Cale

Memory Verse:

Psalm 126:6

#### Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Argentina"

Mrs. Solon Hoyt

Emblem:

Ears

# SMM Reporting!

**BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA** — The girls are planning a negro spiritual sing for their fellowship supper. They have begun to make maps of Brazil and Argentina. Average attendance has been ten with foreign- and home-missions offerings \$2 and \$4 respectively.

**JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE**—The Senior SMM has a special project of sponsoring and assisting in new Little Sisters and Junior SMM groups. Interest is keen. The senior girls have been good helpers. The girls had a Christmas mail box in which the church folk placed their cards for church friends. Postage money was given to the group and the girls delivered the cards. An overnight camping trip is planned for early spring.

**ROANOKE, VIRGINIA**—The Junior-Middler Sisterhood, Clearbrook Brethren, report a good year although not all goals were met. These are some of the highlights of the year. Dishtowels were made for the Grace College Women's Dormitory. They mailed a large box of useful clothing to the Navajos. They sent fruit or cash to several church members who were ill. They made green skirts. They took charge of opening exercises for Sunday-school several times, and they gave a Christmas party for the WMC ladies, decorating a tree with handkerchiefs and candy canes. This year they are raising funds to buy new furnishings for Sunday-school rooms now under construction.

**OSCEOLA, INDIANA**—The Junior girls went Christmas caroling, and called on some of the older ladies of the church. They made fruit trays to give to them. Bible reading goals are nearly completed.

The Middler girls are planning a sing for the young people. There will

also be a quiz at that time. The girls have a missionary chest which one of the girls made. Every two months they bring an item for it, which they would like to have. When the box is filled they will present it to the WMC ladies. The items of the chest are for the teenage daughters of different missionaries.

**LAKE ODESSA, MICHIGAN**—Each month the Senior SMM girls go to the medical facility to offer their services and conduct a meeting. This has been a blessing to everyone. At Christmas they sent toys to the Navajos. They have had charge of a Sunday evening service in which each girl read a theme she had written. Now they are in the process of setting up a library. Besides completing their goals, they are making little jackets for the African babies.

**BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA**—The Cherry Valley Senior SMM surprised the men of the church by giving each a beautiful handmade necktie on Father's Day. Forty ties had been made for the men to make their selection from. Each tie bore the label, "Made Especially for you by the Senior SMM." In addition to these, twelve more were made for the Heralds of Grace quartet from Grace College.

## Additions and Corrections

Get your SMM group in the news. Items from the Allegheny and Iowa districts should be mailed as soon as possible to the national editor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Lizette Sidler and Philip D. Espich, Feb. 2, at the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Debbie Wisor and Jerome Lingenfelter, Jan. 22, Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

Sandra Chapman and Charles Cheek, Feb. 14, Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.

Norma Jean Johnson and Earl Thomas Binion, Feb. 2, Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio.

## ENDS EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE

Announcements in this column are published when sent in by a pastor.

**BURNS, Mrs. Elizabeth**, 77, mother of Rev. John Burns, pastor of Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va., and Rev. Ralph Burns, pastor of First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., went to be with the Lord on Jan. 18. She was a member of the Bethany Church of the Brethren, Philadelphia, Pa.

**REUSCHMAN, Mary**, 45, was loosed away upward on Jan. 31. She was a faithful worker at the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio. Memorial services were conducted by the pastor.

—Wesley Haller, pastor.

**SIMMONS, Charles**, 57, went to his heavenly reward on Jan. 29. He was an outstanding and active member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church since 1925. He taught the intermediate boys' class for 35 years; the present pastor was taught by him in that department in 1930-32.

—Don K. Rager, pastor.

**HERR, Mrs. Ethel Grace**, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 17. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., since 1922.

—Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

**JOHNSON, Carl**, 74, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 16. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

—Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.

**NICHOLSON, W. John**, 68, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa., went to be with the Lord Feb. 12.

—Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.

**FISHEL, Mrs. Daisy**, was ushered into the presence of her Lord on Feb. 8. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., and the Rose Circle Sunday-school class.

—John R. Terrell, pastor.

**BOWMAN, George S.**, 83, a charter member of the Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa., went to be with the Lord on Feb. 9.

—William H. Snell, pastor.



# CHURCH NEWS

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**DAYTON, OHIO.** Jack Moore was granted a release from his work as assistant pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church in February. Brother Moore is making preliminary preparations for returning to a Word of Life Bible Camp ministry in Brazil this coming September.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF. R. I.** Humbert, Brethren Bible teacher from Flora, Ind., was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Feb. 13. Conard Sandy, pastor.

**WYCKOFF, N. J.** Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Baker announce the birth of Thomas Scott on Feb. 8, weighing 7 lbs. and 12 oz. Brother Baker, an ordained Brethren minister, is presently serving with the Christian Service Brigade.

**ALEPPO, PA.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ullom, members of the Aleppo Brethren Church, who celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary in February.

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** The First Brethren Church greeted the new pastor, Charles Thornton, and family on Feb. 6 with a food shower. The laymen of the church purchased an electric range, and the WMC furnished new rugs for the parsonage. The new address for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Thornton is 251 E. 29th St., Buena Vista, Va. Phone number is CO 1-7881. Please change Annual.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** Mr. Robert Parsons, Moody Bible Institute staff member, presented the new Moody science film "City of the Bees" at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 10. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**ALEPPO, PA.** W. Wayne Baker announced his resignation as pastor

of the Aleppo Brethren Church on Feb. 3, which will become effective Apr. 28. He has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pastor Baker served the church in Aleppo for over seven years.

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.** Youth week at the Grace Brethren Church, Russell Konves, pastor, was climaxed on Feb. 3 with a musical program by the Eschol Cosby family, the Truth for Youth Team, and Rev. Carl Hodges. Dr. Russell Barnard brought a challenging message on foreign missions. (The temperature in Phoenix was in the 80's on this date in case any easterners are wondering why people go west).

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The Southern Ohio District WMC held a Fellowship Festival on Feb. 1 at the YMCA. Forrest Jackson, pastor of First Brethren Church, was the guest speaker. There were 150 husbands and wives in attendance.

**CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Kaugher, members of the Grace Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Jan. 27. Richard Burch, pastor.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Lee Crist, 1099 Irene Road, Cleveland 24, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Deloe, 609 Prairie, Adel, Iowa. Please change Annual.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, Winona Lake, Ind., was the guest speaker at First Brethren Church on Jan. 13. Robert Griffith is pastor.

**MARGATE, FLA.** The Grace Brethren Church, Dean Risser, pastor, supported the Tent Revival Crusade, Feb. 17-Mar. 3, conducted at the Shopper's Haven in Pompano Beach, Fla. Dr. E. J. Daniels of Orlando was the evangelist.

**RIALTO, CALIF.** A Christian Education Clinic was conducted at the Rialto Brethren Church on Feb. 10. Dr. Harold H. Etling, National Sunday School director, and Dr. Glenn O'Neal, So. Calif.-Ariz. dis-

trict secretary, were the speakers. Gerald Polman, pastor.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** A WMC birthday banquet was held at the Grace Brethren Church on Feb. 23. Miss Grace Bryon, retired Brethren missionary to Africa, was the guest speaker.

**EVERETT, PA.** Pastor Homer Lingenfelter reports that the Grace Brethren Church was in the midst of the greatest flu epidemic in February the community had ever witnessed. One-half of the teaching staff and about the same percentage of the church membership were absent because of illness.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Glen "Chet" Kammerer, Grace College basketball star, presented the "Venture for Victory" film at Winona Lake Brethren Church on Feb. 17. Mr. Kammerer has been chosen to represent Grace College on the Venture for Victory basketball team. This outstanding missionary basketball team will be playing in the Orient this summer.

**PORTIS, KANS.** Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Stewart and family were honored at a farewell dinner and program at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 17. Mr. Stewart has been pastor of this church the past nine years, and also four years in the late 1940's. He will now devote full time to Christian printing and publishing in his own print shop here in Portis. The congregation presented the Stewarts a walnut Swedish-design desk, an occasional chair, and a lamp for their home.

**ELYRIA, OHIO.** Rev. Clarence Lackey has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kans.

**DUNCANVILLE, PA.** There were 222 persons in attendance at the East District overnight youth rally, which was held at the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church on Feb. 15-16. The film "The Heart Is a Rebel" was shown, a panel discussion on "dating," and a quiz down (won by the Conemaugh Brethren quiz team) rounded out the activities. Victor Rogers was host pastor.



PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dr. Thomas W. Berry, a lay preacher and chiropractic physician, was the guest speaker at Third Brethren Church on Feb. 17. Mr. George Wilhelm, a layman from the Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa., was the guest speaker on Feb. 24. Robert Kern is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Carlton J. Fuller announced his resignation as pastor of the Clearbrook Brethren Church on Jan. 27 which became effective Feb. 19. He has received orders calling him to attend USAF Chaplain School at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex. Upon completion of Chaplain School, he will be permanently assigned to Stewart AFB, New York.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Grace Brethren Church celebrated its eighth anniversary in January by hitting new highs in attendance—averaging 459 in Sunday school, making it the fourth largest Brethren Sunday school in the United States! Six new pews were installed, and were filled their first Sunday morning with 386 in attendance. Ralph Colburn, pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Robert Kern accepted the unanimous call to remain for another year as pastor of the Third Brethren Church.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Mr. Merton Lambert has accepted the position of Minister of Christian Education at the Community Brethren Church. He will have oversight of all educational programs of the church excepting the Christian day school. Mr. Lambert will graduate in June 1963 from Biola College with a degree in Christian education and is presently a member of the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, Calif. Ward A. Miller, is pastor.

NOTICE: A limited number of bound volumes of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* from three previous years are being offered to our readers. Two 1947, six 1949 volumes, and one 1952 volume are available for the price of \$3 each, postage paid.

CANTON, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church basketball team, managed by Albert Slagle, won the

Canton Fundamental Church league championship with a 10-0 record this season. Pastor John Dilling also reports that 22 persons reported reading the Bible through in 1962. Mrs. J. L. Cooper read it twice. A token reward was publicly presented to each of them on Feb. 10.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. A missionary conference was conducted at the First Brethren Church during Feb. 10-13. The Brethren missionary speakers were: Tom Julien from France, Edward Miller from Brazil, Dr. Floyd Taber from Africa, and Clyde Landrum from Winona Lake, Ind. Richard P. DeArney was host pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. The film "Venture for Victory" was shown at the Grace Brethren Church on Feb. 17. Rev. R. I. Humbert, of Flora, Ind., was guest speaker on this same date. Lyle Marvin is pastor.

BERNE, IND. The Indiana District youth rally was held at the Bethel Brethren Church Feb. 15-16. 174 attended the banquet at noon on Saturday. Sergeant Ed Jackson of the Ohio State Police, was the special speaker. Kenneth Russell, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The Grace College Basketball team, 16 men in all, participated in the evening service at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 24. Mark Malles, pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, directors of the Brethren Financial Planning Service, conducted stewardship services at First Brethren Church, True Hunt, pastor, during Feb. 17-20.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Homer A. Kent, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

Clarence Lackey, Elyria, Ohio

Sewell Landrum, Jackson, Ky.

Charles Lawson, Berrien Springs, Mich.

E. William Male, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mark E. Malles, Fort Wayne, Ind.

ALTOONA, PA. Roy Glass, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, has been suffering from hepatitis. Your prayers are requested in his behalf.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, representatives of Brethren Financial Planning Service, conducted an evangelistic campaign Feb. 3-10 at the First Brethren Church. There were five confessions of Christ, 14 rededications of life, and one consecration to service. Robert Crees, pastor.

## PALMYRA, PA.

We praise the Lord for the fine attendance in our services at Grace Brethren Church each Lord's Day.

We appreciate Pastor Edward Lewis and his family for their active services in our church activities. The Lord is blessing with decisions nearly every Sunday. Four new members were received just recently.

The church voted an increase in salary, and a car allowance each month for the pastor. We are still looking for ground to build a new church, if that is the Lord's will for us. —Allen Zook, church reporter

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Jenners, Pa. ....	Mar. 3-10 .....	Kenneth Wilt ...	Mark Malles
Hopewell, Pa. ...	Mar. 3-10 .....	Sheldon Synder .	Carlo Pietropaulo
Ashland, Ohio ..	Mar. 10-17 .....	Miles Taber ....	Leonard Eilers
Roanoke, Va. ...	Mar. 10-17 .....	Wendell Kent ...	Bill Smith
Dallas Center,			
Iowa .....	Mar. 17-24 .....	Jesse B. Deloe	Nathan Meyer
Johnstown, Pa. ..	Mar. 17-24 .....	James Sweeton .	Bob Collitt
Aleppo, Pa. ....	Mar. 24-31 .....	W. Wayne Baker	Bob Collitt





Children listen to the story of Jesus.

◆ HIGH SCHOOLERS REGISTER SIXTY-THREE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST AT—

## “Birthday Parties for Jesus”

By Barbara Course

The high school department of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, had just concluded a contest in which the Lord had shown us great victory. We felt a definite need for challenge and witnessing in the lives of our young people. During this time, I was holding a Child Evangelism class in my home and had become aware of the part they were playing in presenting the Christmas story to boys and girls. After much prayer and thought the Lord showed us the way, and it became very clear to us the very thing the Lord could use best for His glory.

The call went out to our young people, and over thirty responded and wanted to know more about what

we were to call “Birthday Parties for Jesus.” The next step was to find open homes for these parties. The call went out again to the adult classes of our Sunday school and twenty homes were opened for the parties. Each person that opened his home was responsible for inviting the children from the neighborhood and providing a birthday cake. A time was set up that a Gospel Team would come to the home and present the program.

Training classes were set up to instruct the young people on techniques, how to lead a child to Christ, and other party plans. These classes

were held on two consecutive Sunday evenings before the young people's C. E. meeting. The parties were to include the story of the birth of Christ, memory work, singing, and crafts. We formed ten teams of three members each, and gave each team member a part in the program.

The twenty parties were given during the Christmas vacation time prior to Christmas. This meant twenty parties in a span of four days.

The challenge was met! Children responded to the call of the Holy Spirit and accepted Christ as their Saviour. These experiences had a tremendous impact upon the lives of our young people.

Two of the young people who led



Barbara Course leads a child to Christ.



“Chuck” Course, teacher in the high school department. 180 are enrolled.



Barbara Course, author of this article, tells of the Child Evangelism classes and the high school department. She is the wife of Chuck Course.



children to Christ had only been saved themselves for six months. This was their first time of witnessing to others, and their lives were blessed.

One of the boys gave his testimony after the parties, and he stated that even though only a few at his party had accepted Christ, he knew that the seed had been planted. His life was blessed by just taking part in the parties and helping the children with memory work. Still another young person said that through this experience of witnessing and leading children to the Lord, she had a clear picture of what the Lord would have for her life.

As the parties came to a close and we began to tally the results, we be-



The Gospel Team—high school young people of the North Long Beach Brethren Church.

gan to realize just what the Lord had done. The young people had talked to 288 children, and there had been sixty-three first-time decisions for Christ. He not only showed the high school class what they could do



Dean Dow of the high school department teaches the memory work.

through Him, but once again He showed my husband and me His greatness. What a joy it is to serve Him!

# The Leaven of Malice and Wickedness

By Dr. Charles H. Ashman  
West Covina, California

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" (I Cor. 5:6). The word "lump" means a mass of things mixed. The Corinthian Church was a scrambled mass. So are many churches today. This provides a fertile lump for the permeating leaven of malice and wickedness.

The Scriptural description of the Corinthian Church reveals these conditions—gross immoralities tolerated, disorders at the worship services and business meetings, members going to law with members before pagan courts, women pushing themselves into leadership contrary to the Bible, gifts bestowed by the Spirit exercised selfishly, the holy communion degraded to a mere gluttonous feast.

Into this "lump" the leaven of malice and wickedness fermented, fomented, and almost boiled. Cantankerous members kept the church

in a constant uproar. The contentious leaven split the church into divisive groups. Some adopted titles—Paulites, Apollosites, Cephasites, and even the Piousites. Malice and wickedness permeated the church.

*Malice?* What was it? It was a disposition to do harm, creating suspicion, ill-will, hatred, bitterness, revenge, and other evidences of the devilish leaven within the heart. The Scriptures put malice among the most deadly of sins. It is a mark of a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:29). It keeps company with wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking, and bitterness (Eph. 4:31). In Colossians 3:8, it is classified among the deeds of the "old man." Its companions are blasphemy and filthy communication. It is compared to a "cloak" of deceit in I Peter 2:16. Diotrophes "who loved to have the preeminence" in the church, prated against the beloved John "with malicious words." Paul exhorts the Corinthians: "In malice, be ye babes" (I Cor. 14:20). Children easily forgive and quickly forget. Adults who are spiritual juveniles hold grudges, claiming to forgive, but not forget. Dig up, expose, cast out this leaven in its beginnings while it is small. *Beware!*

*Wickedness?* What was that? It was "malignant evil." It was contagious evil. It influenced others who came in contact with it. It spread. It was permeating the emotions, the sympathies of others. The almost

total absence of discipline in the average church today makes it possible for this leaven to almost "take over." Paul, inspired by the Spirit, insisted on discipline of members who were "sin-carriers," even to excommunication. He feared the character and reputation of the whole church would be endangered if they did not "cast out the leaven." Today, under the guise of love, we advocate "co-existence" and let the leaven work. It does!

Toleration of known evil is leaven. It contributes to the apostasy of life. It causes open wounds in the insulation of the church. The church is to be insulated from the evil of the world. Someone has said: "The reason present-day manner of dress is so shocking is because there is so little insulation." That's what is wrong with the church.

The time has come when "judgment must begin at the house of God." The church needs a "clean-up day." Spiritual house cleaning. Can you imagine the searching that took place just before the Passover in the orthodox Jewish home—searching for leaven? If any was found after a certain dead line of time, it meant death. Even in this "day of grace" although the penalty will not be (perhaps) physical death, toleration of leaven in any form will destroy. There is a penalty for not casting out leaven. "Beware of the leaven of malice and wickedness."



# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, MARCH 15

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY that it will be possible for the Jim Dicksons to begin a work in an area called "Country Club" in Puerto Rico.

PRAISE God for the faithfulness of the people at Waipio, Hawaii, and for their desire to obey the Lord.

PRAY for the national workers in Brazil that they may take hold of the work and move toward the indigenous program.

PRAISE the Lord that our Africa field remains open to the Gospel. Pray that this will continue.

PRAY for wisdom and direction from God as each local congregation in Argentina considers calling its own pastor.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAY for Bob Collitt's campaigns in Yakima and Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon.

PRAY for Ron Thompson's campaigns that start September first. He will be working from Virginia to California.

PRAY for the Schlatter-Seifert team which will be in the field all summer.

PRAISE God for the way He is raising up young men with the passion of evangelism in their hearts.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the blessings of the Grace Bible Conference which was held in February.

PRAY that the students of both seminary and college will be true to the decisions made in the Missionary and Grace Bible conference.

PRAY that Grace students may manifest even more devotion to Christ than they have given evidence of thus far this year.

PRAY that progress on the new dormitory may be greatly stepped up so that the interruptions due to an extremely cold winter may not for-

bid reaching the goal for completion of the project.

PRAY for the seniors in both seminary and college that they may successfully complete their courses and find their place of ministry.

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for Alva Conner, the new pastor at Galion, Ohio, and for the future development of this testimony on the recently purchased location.

PRAISE God for the sale of some excess property at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and pray for the sale of a portion of the Barberton (Ohio) property not needed for the church development.

PRAY for the Brethren Construction Company crew as they begin work on the Vandalia (Ohio) home-mission project.

PRAY for the Navajo Mission staff, school, and financial needs.

PRAY for the encouragement to new groups looking to the Brethren Home Missions Council for help.

PRAY for the district conferences that will be approving district-mission projects in conjunction with the Brethren Home Missions Council in the months ahead.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for our Laymen's evangelistic efforts through evangelistic meetings, missions, jails and hospital services.

PRAY for a continued interest in our national projects.

PRAY for the young people who have received our Laymen scholarships.

PRAY that our local Laymen's groups may grow numerically and spiritually.

PRAY for our national officers.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that the spring loyalty campaign in every Brethren Sunday

school may mark an advance in the spiritual life of our pupils.

PRAY for a real burden for increased numbers in Brethren Sunday schools.

PRAY that we might see the Sunday school as a real opportunity for winning souls at the Easter season.

PRAY that every financial need of the National Sunday School Board might be met by our Sunday schools.

## SMM

PRAY for the SMM work in Africa, especially for Miss Evelyn Schumacher as she works in this endeavor.

PRAY that each girl may work faithfully on her Mary goals.

## WMC

PRAY that all WMC Councils will have a program of emphasis on family devotions. That the Lord will bless and many families will establish Family Altars.

PRAY that the women of the WMC may be more concerned about their work, and that every woman in the church may be a soul-winner.

## YOUTH

PRAY for the Youth Evangelism Team as they travel to Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania this coming month.

PRAISE the Lord for decisions that have been made among our young people these past few weeks.

PRAISE the Lord for the wonderful reports of Youth Week in our churches this year. Pray for the decisions that were made.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the 1962 publication offering. The amount given was greater than in any previous year.

PRAY for an effort about to be undertaken to interest those who are not currently subscribing to the *Missionary Herald*. Pray that they may see the need of having this publication of our fellowship in their homes.

PRAY for the Vacation Bible School workshops to be held in the *Missionary Herald* offices April 1 and 2.

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# Youth Page

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**NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT  
GOES TO PUERTO RICO  
THIS APRIL**

Pictured above are David Hollinger, Elsie Diffenderfer, Samuel Baer, Eleanor Kauffman, Barbara Kappel, and Effie Masimer—the six members of the quiz team. The coach of the team is Mr. Jay Evans.

The Northern Atlantic District Quiz Team, the champion Bible Quiz Team for 1962, will be going to Puerto Rico during the Easter vacation of this year. They will visit for one week among our Brethren in Puerto Rico, and will see the needs of the mission field firsthand.

During their stay in Puerto Rico, they are going to be quizzing a team from our Brethren church in Puerto Rico. You might call this competition the International Achievement Competition, instead of National Achievement Competition. The experience will greatly enhance their understanding, and we are praying that through this experience, a few may be challenged for the field of missions.

As of yet, we have not received enough money to pay for this trip, which includes round-trip plane tickets for seven people, and expenses while in Puerto Rico. We



## TAOS IS "IN THE MUD"

This is a picture sent to us from our Taos (N. Mex.) home-mission work where things in the winter are pretty bad. As you can plainly see, the mud is a problem!

We have chosen for our home-mission project, the paving of the driveway and parking area of the Youth Center at Taos, New Mexico. Teen-agers are encouraged to give

dimes to this project that will eventually total "a mile." A "foot of dimes" equals one dollar. At least that is what our dime folders that are a foot long will hold. This is one of the ways in which we can stimulate a desire for our teen-agers in giving their money to the Lord.

The need at Taos is an urgent one. Anyone who has been there after a good rain will know the urgency of this need. We are hoping that this need will be met through our Mile-Of-Dimes Campaign. The response so far has been good, and we are looking forward to meeting our goal.

know the Lord will supply, and meet this need. If you would like to help us send these teen-agers to Puerto Rico, drop us a line soon. They must leave in one month.

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Prayer for 343 Families







# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Government, Taxes, and the Church

The policies of governments have a bearing on the growth of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ in America and in the world. This may be seen in "open" and "closed" doors for foreign missions, in the material expansion of the American church, in rules, regulations, zoning, planning, financing, and so forth. We may be sure that decisions made in Washington, in state capitols, and in city governments will largely affect the growth of the Christian church.

President Kennedy's budget for this year is the largest in American history—almost \$99 billion. It is estimated that it will involve an additional deficit of approximately \$11 billion. Many Congressmen consider it incredible and unbelievable that this Administration, which is now paying \$19,000 interest on our national debt each minute of the day, would advocate further debt on any basis. *But the same Congress will no doubt pass the budget with minor revisions.*

This absolutely means more inflation and further debasement of our currency. The American dollar is now worth only forty-five cents and is continually decreasing in value. At the rate that gold is flowing out of Fort Knox our dollar value may drop to zero sooner than we think.

*More inflation means more financial trouble for the church.* Missionary organizations, local churches, and denominations face sharply rising budgets in the number of dollars needed, but are still unable to expand as they did twenty years ago. Larger amounts of the devaluated dollars do less. This is inflation. Appeals for additional funds often fall on unresponsive ears, partly because the folks at home are having some trouble with inflation themselves, and partly because there seems to be an unrealistic approach to this situation by Christians. *Why should a home missionary dollar be worth more than a dollar spent at the grocery store—forty-five cents?*

## COVER PHOTO



This family is the unusual part of a goal of 343 families to be added this year in Brethren Home Missions. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Barstow Hoffman and their six adopted children: Jimmy, Jack, Judy, Joyce, Jerry, Jo Ann (pictured l. to r.). The boys are of Welsh, Irish, and Swedish descent. Two of the three girls are Korean orphans and the other one is a Sioux Indian. This is a truly American family, but above this—a Christian family. (Photo courtesy Jack Sheaffer, Arizona Daily Star photographer.)

We wish we knew some way to double its value. Churchmen in America may as well face the issue now. Unless the Lord sends a spiritual revival to the church, which will increase its financial response, our most difficult year is ahead. Missionary organizations struggling to stretch the dollars now may be worse off. God can solve this problem, but if He does, He will do it through His people.

The socialistic policies of the United States Government are in a great measure responsible for large increases in the national budget. Government controls have extended into practically all areas of life. If Medicare and other plans for welfare programs are passed, we will be moving much more rapidly away from *Government for the people to Government control of the people.*

These controls are felt by the church both directly and indirectly. Urban Renewal is directly influencing the future plans of inner-city churches. Even though the Constitution forbids it, our Government moves more and more into a position where it may control religion. The doctrine of the separation of Church and State grows less popular in high Government circles. It is inevitable that the church may expect more control from Government on every level.

The present proposed tax bill with suggested revisions could further seriously cripple the church financially. There is a continuing and strong movement in the direction of forcing churches to pay taxes on all property. Some have even mentioned taxing the church's income. This could happen with increasing Government controls.

Decreasing the gift percentage for tax deduction on federal income tax would undoubtedly be a serious financial blow to the church. There are quite a few believers who now give 30 percent of their income to the church. Their motive in doing this, whether all out of love for God, or for tax deduction purposes, or for both must be settled between them and the Lord. A decrease in this 30 percent deduction would no doubt force a decrease in their giving because there would be other points of increase. There are X number of dollars in a steady income. On a practical basis only a certain number of these dollars can go for taxes. Certainly the pressures of inflation force all of us to carefully figure our own tax responsibilities.

Even with inflation, if all Christians tithed their income, the church would have fewer problems. It seems

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# GOD IS ANSWERING PRAYER FOR 343 FAMILIES

By Lester E. Pifer

A most unusual prayer meeting was being held at Philippi. We cannot ascertain how much the burden of these praying ladies moved the heart of God. It was just a simple prayer meeting at the riverside, but a whole course of events were being set in order by the Holy Spirit in harmony with God's master plan of evangelization.

The ministry of the Apostle Paul was halted as they planned to continue in Asia and Bithynia. The Spirit directed through the Macedonian vision for him to go into this area. It must have been a joyful occasion when this tremendous missionary arrived at Philippi. A joy for those who were praying for help in the ministry of the Word—a joy for the Apostle to find ready hearts gripped with a burden for prayer.

From its inception then, the Philippian church was blessed with families. Lydia, a seller of purple dye and cloth responded to the message. The Scripture says: "Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul" (Acts 16:14). Following her conversion came the whole family. Her house became the meeting place of the church at Philippi (Acts 16:15).

The conversion of the Philippian jailer and his household added another family to this growing body of believers (Acts 16:25-34). At this point one can understand how this church became an active church reaching the whole family in a spirit of wonderful fellowship. Paul used them as an example of dedicated service, generosity, and genuineness in giving (II Cor. 8:1-6). His epistle of joy written later in the Roman prison reflects the spirit and fellowship of the Early Church (Phil. 1:4).

Our home-mission plan and program in the establishment and development of mission points is designed to produce this same type of Biblical church. Such a church is

born out of prayer, geared to reach the whole family, fed from the pure Word of the Lord by trained spiritual leaders and fashioned by the Holy Spirit into a friendly, joyous family of believers.

This year home-mission pastors and churches have set family goals by faith. Some have set a family a month to be reached for the Lord. Others have set more or less depending upon their stage of development. It has been a thrill and joy to see how God has honored this family goal project. Out of 343 families set as a national goal, weekly reports reveal that some churches have already reached their goals. Still others report an increase in soul-winning and visitation interest. New talent is being raised up for leadership. New attendance and financial goals are becoming realities.

The Barstow Hoffman family pictured on the front of this magazine is a typical example of this program. This family formerly attended the Berean Bible Church at Central City, Nebraska. Burdened to see children brought up in the Lord, they have adopted six children. The three boys are all American—out of Welsh, Irish, and Swedish ancestry; two of the girls are Korean orphans, and the other is a Sioux Indian.

The Hoffmans have a deep and abiding appreciation for the need of young people. Both have college training. He is now a high-school teacher, she is a qualified public schoolteacher. They have placed their talents on the altar for the Lord (Rom. 12:1). Barstow is the Sunday-school superintendent of our Silverbell Brethren Church at Tucson, and his wife, Virginia, is actively engaged as a primary teacher. Their children are enjoying the teaching of the Word and fellowship of this growing new work.

Their burden for the Lord's work has led them to actively engage themselves in this new and pioneer work

in Tucson. What a remarkable example for Brethren parents all over our Nation. What a challenge, to move to a new community, to help pioneer a new testimony for Christ, and to busily engage the whole family in the work of the Lord! There is no greater joy in earth than this! Certainly no greater field for rewards.

Recently, your writer received a friendly greeting at the door of the new Grace Brethren Church at Virginia Beach (Va.) by Paul D. Bratcher, Senior Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic. Immediately I recognized that here was a new man on the job in this new field. Paul and his family were originally from the State of Missouri, former members of the reorganized church of the Latter Day Saints. Later in Washington, D. C. he entered the fellowship of The Brethren Church. Upon his transfer to Oceana Air Naval Base, he brought his family into the Virginia Beach church. He and his wife are distinguishing themselves as faithful and talented workers in this needy field.

Another pastor recently wrote that their family goal of ten had already been reached. They were re-setting their goal. This ministry of the Word, this interest in souls and visitation and joy in the service of Christ has literally transformed this mission field.

In this modern day, hovered over by storm clouds of war, filled with sin, strife, and broken homes should we not pray that our churches will have a new, vibrant ministry to the American family? Your prayer support and cooperation is needed to produce modern-day "Philippian" churches founded upon and established in the Word of God. Pray for more families that will pioneer and help build these new fields for Christ. Pray above all that our home-mission-family goal—343—may be reached for the glory of our wonderful Lord.





Old church

## Old Church Becomes a "New" Church

By L. L. Grubb

This has been literally true in Leon, Iowa. Under the leadership of Rev. Glen Welborn, this church has marched triumphantly through some very trying experiences in the past few years.

They have enjoyed a measure of growth, which now makes possible the assuming of all financial obligations. In addition to this they have altered and added to their building facilities in a very attractive and functional manner.

We believe it is the obligation

of the Brethren Home Missions Council to assist older Brethren churches where this help is really needed, and to do what we can to strengthen all Brethren churches. The limited help given by our Council to the Leon (Iowa) church has not only been greatly appreciated, but it also has brought valuable dividends to the glory of our Lord.

Congratulations to the Leon (Iowa) brethren for a job well done.



New church

## Leon Continues Testimony for The Lord

By Glen Welborn, pastor

In 1954 a group led by a non-Brethren within the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa, split the church. This was a serious blow.

Then in 1956 another individual involved the church in a lawsuit seeking by force to take the church building and parsonage away from the remaining congregation. This was another serious blow. It was at this time that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and The Brethren Home Missions Council came to the aid of this battered church and offered assistance.

God has manifested His desire to keep this church in spiritual business. He didn't allow Satan to kill it.

I can personally testify that in the three years I have been here I have seen God at work. He has done things thought impossible by some. We certainly want to give Him the praise! We do thank Him! He has saved souls, and other believers have grown in the Lord.

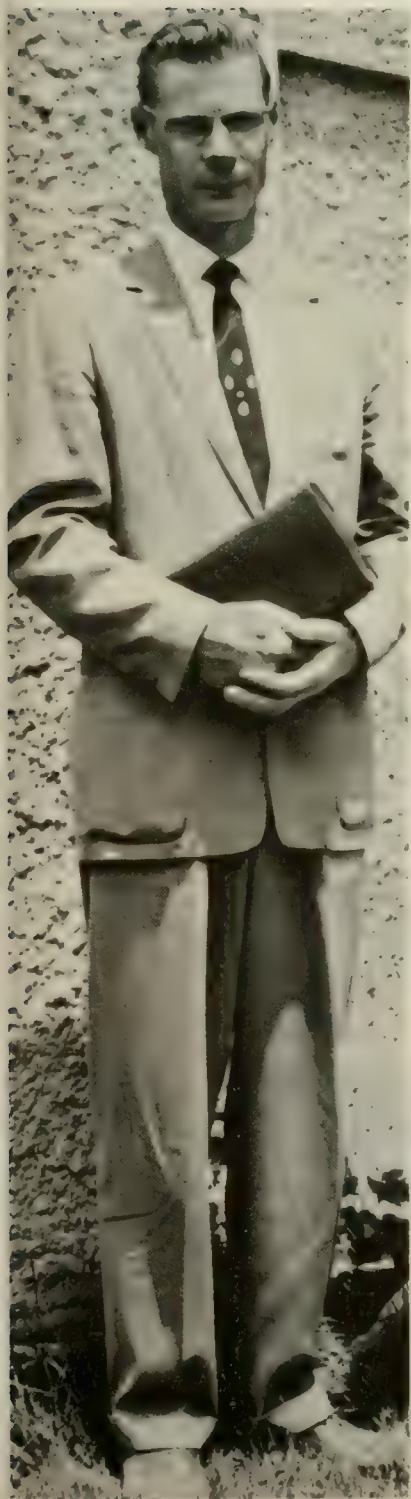
In the fall of 1960, a major repair and remodeling job on the church building was begun. With the congregation doing most of the work and with an expenditure of approximately \$7,000, a real improvement was accomplished. The old front was removed and a new larger front was constructed. This area provides three nice Sunday-school rooms plus a much larger foyer. Two new gas furnaces were installed, and two new restrooms were constructed. More work was done in 1962 when the church pews were refinished and new carpet was laid in the aisle and across the front of the auditorium. The platform was newly covered with tile and carpet with new pulpit furniture added. The auditorium floor was covered with new tile and the walls have new paint. All of this 1962 work, material, and furni-

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Left: Leon adult Sunday school.  
Below: Young people and children's departments. Left column: Pastor Glen Welborn.



### LEON MISSIONARIES

Two members of the Leon Brethren Church are now serving in Brethren missions. Miss Rosella Cochran is located in Bozoum, Africa, under appointment of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. Miss Angie Garber is serving in Brethren home missions as a missionary to the Navajo Indians.

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ture was donated by the members.

The members of the church are grateful to the Brethren Home Missions Council and to all the Brethren people who have prayed and given. It is doubtful if this testimony would be here today if God had not worked through you to help in time of need. Pray on and give more that others may receive this same kind of Christian help and encouragement.



Rosella Cochran



Angie Garber







# Virginia Beach Victories

(Pictured on the opposite page)

Our Virginia Beach Sunday school, two time winner in the National Sunday School Contest, is enjoying a new type of growth. During contest days, a large portion of the numerical growth was seen in the children's department of the Sunday school. A concentrated effort by the pastor, Rev. Harold Arrington, and the Sunday-school superintendent, Lambert Myers and staff, has produced a healthy, more properly balanced growth. Young people, young married people, and older adults have been reached through a consistent visitation program. This has increased morning and evening worship and prayer meeting attendances.

Every available space is now being utilized for Sunday-school classes. The need for more space is increasing to the point where duplicate Sunday-school services are under consideration.

Constant checking in the visitation program is necessary here due to a high percentage of Naval personnel. Virginia Beach is a highly transient area, as well as one of the Nation's choice vacation spots. Much commendation is due to this faithful pastor and his dedicated staff of workers.

## CONGRATULATIONS, CHIEF PAUL D. BRATCHER

"During the period August 1960 to August 1961, as Maintenance Chief for Attack Squadron EIGHTY THREE, BRATCHER carried out his responsibilities with exceptional initiative, technical skill, and resourcefulness. An outstanding leader, he made a marked contribution to the success of his squadron in winning, for the fiscal year 1961, the Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Battle Efficiency 'E' for jet light attack squadrons. In addition, the squadron was awarded the Chief of Naval Operations Avia-



Above: The Virginia Beach church and the church choir

tion Safety Award. BRATCHER's consistent display of professional ability, and his inspiring devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the naval service."—Fred Karth, Secretary of the Navy.

Paul D. Bratcher has distinguished himself as an excellent naval officer in receiving this sailor award of the year. His attainments for the Lord are being recognized regularly in the faithful service rendered through our Virginia Beach church and Sunday school.



Paul D. Bratcher, AMHC

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apparent, judging from an average church, that there are many believers who never tithe during their entire Christian experience. Unless God shows this truth to these who do not tithe, perhaps many more tithers will have to take advantage of the highest gift percentage the Government allows in order that the church and missions may stay in business.

It is true that Christians are instructed to support governments. This is a part of our testimony. But the church is a spiritual institution primarily even though it must work under Government control. It is certainly legitimate on spiritual and moral grounds for the church to exert its influence at the polls, and also by writing Congressmen and intelligently and kindly protesting wrong policies which bring inflation and Socialism. The latter is one step from communism.

Christians should always remember that their generous financial support of the church is necessary for its existence.



## Home Mission Field Reports

ARVADA, COLORADO (Edward Mensinger, pastor). We have seen steady progress here since our last letter to you. Both our attendances and offerings have increased. We now have a Sunday-school contest on between classes. Early in February a group of ten came down from Cheyenne to help canvass the area.

FREMONT, OHIO (Granville Tucker, pastor). We have been encouraged by the increased attendance of our prayer service, which has been averaging forty-seven.

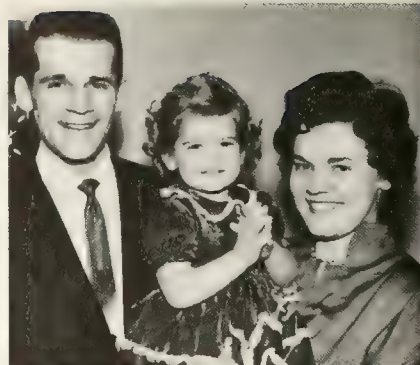
GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON (George Christie, pastor). We praise the Lord for the seven who were baptized last week, and for two more who have expressed a desire to be baptized. The prayer-

meeting attendance continues to be good with an average of forty-eight for January and February.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA (Glen Crabb, pastor). The Grace Brethren Pioneer Girls had a record breaking turnout for the Washington Birthday Dinner on February 19 with forty-one girls and five guides. A spring Vacation Bible School will be held during the Easter vacation from April 1-5.

WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA (Robert Thompson, pastor). Our footings and complete slab are now in. The mud sills are in place and the walls will begin to go up next. The lumber for the complete building was delivered this week (Feb. 4). Mr. Florian Hesse who has built a number of Brethren churches in the California area is the building superintendent.

TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON (Don Farner, pastor). The weather was especially bad here during our meetings with Rev. Bob Collitt; however, we still had fourteen decisions.



Rev. and Mrs. Alva Conner and daughter

## Galion, Ohio Gets New Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. Alva Conner and daughter arrived in Galion, Ohio, February 5, 1963 from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to take up the work of the Grace Brethren Church here vacated by Rev. Charles Thornton. The Galion Church is a branch of the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio, and is being developed in cooperation with The Brethren Home Missions Council.



## You Should Invest

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# ISRAEL CALLS!



## HOW I FOUND PEACE AND JOY!

By Anne Isaacson

*(Mrs. Isaacson has attended meetings at the Brethren Messianic Testimony for approximately eight years. She is a baptized believer. She has been responsible for several Jewish people becoming interested in attending our Bible classes and other gatherings here at the mission. She gives forth a fine testimony, and is a real praise to the Lord.)*

The poet has said: "God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." It is true! He knows our every longing, our every need, and answers that need when we humbly come to Him. I shall never forget how God in His infinite love led me to himself.

I was raised in a Jewish home, which could be called "average." We observed the holidays, and tried in our small way to keep the traditions of our forefathers. While I participated in these observances, I knew they did not have the answer to my soul's need.

One day a man came to my door to solicit subscriptions to magazines. I signed up. In one of the magazines I was attracted by a story entitled "The Unobstructed Universe." As I read the story I came across some unfamiliar and yet thought-provoking words. They were quoted from something called The Gospel of Matthew and were taken from chapter 5. I had *never* read anything like them before. I have never forgotten them since! These were the words

"And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

These words touched me where I lived. These were promises I wanted to take for my own. They were like light in a darkened world. But what was the Gospel of Matthew?

Just at this time my brother-in-law came to visit us. He was from New York City. In his traveling bag he carried a copy of the Holy Bible, both Old and New Testaments. He also had a copy of a book which was written by Mary Baker Eddy. One day, while in the mood for reading, I was led of the Spirit of God to go into his room and search for these books. I threw aside the book by the Eddy woman and began to look through the Holy Bible. As I turned the pages, I came across this Gospel of Matthew, and there in chapter 5 I found those precious words I had first read in the magazine. I read and reread the passage. I also read the first chapter of I Corinthians, as well as several other passages.

"This must be God's book," I said to myself. "This is God's Holy Word."

Then I became inquisitive to find out whether all the Bibles were identical. I began to check and was happy to find that every Bible I picked up was the same in content. And I continued to read the Bible without guidance or help.

One day, in the providence of God, a lady friend, a Christian, came to visit me. I told her that I had read in the Old Testament a passage of Scripture which I could not understand, would she help me with it? I turned to the Book of Zechariah, chapter 12, verse 10:

"I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first born."

"What does this mean," I asked? My friend explained the meaning of the passage, how the Messiah had come to earth, how He had lived among men, how He had offered himself as Israel's king, and how they had rejected Him. She told me how men, gentile and Jewish men, had hung Him on a cross because they did not believe Him. She told me how He died. But more important, she told me *why* He died that I might come to God through Him, the Lamb of God. Then she told me that He was coming again and that at that time the Jewish people would look on Him whom they had pierced, and they would mourn as they had never mourned. And as I listened to my Christian friend, it seemed that God shed about me a great light that dispelled the darkness I had been in all my life. Now I had spiritual eyes! Now I could understand God's Word. Now I confessed Jesus as my Lord and believed in my heart that God had raised Him from the dead. Now I was *saved*!

How I praise and thank God that He took me out of darkness into His marvelous light. And so here I am a born-again child of God. Glory be to God forevermore!

This is my testimony. Reader, if you have never received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, if you have never believed in His Wonderful name, do not delay any longer. God's Word assures you:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).



# CHURCH NEWS

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**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** George Marchak, Youth for Christ evangelist and soloist, of East Patterson, N. J., was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Feb. 24. Warren E. Tamkin, pastor. The laymen of the church were in charge of the morning service on the same date.

**LEBANON, PA.** Rev. and Mrs. Russell Weber, of Manheim, Pa., were in an automobile accident here the last Sunday of February. Brother Weber was thrown from his car and sustained a skull fracture, and Mrs. Weber a broken hip. Their son, Tom, was in the automobile, but was not seriously injured.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** Kenneth R. Sanders, Brethren Youth Council field worker, and Herb Peer, vocal solo winner in the 1962 Brethren National Achievement Competition at Winona Lake, Ind., presented a Youth Workshop at Grace Brethren Church during Feb. 23-24. Tom Hammers is pastor.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. William Johnson, R.R. 6, Somerset, Pa.

**GRANDVIEW, WASH.** The annual Northwest district youth banquet was held at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 22. There were 91 persons in attendance. Featured on the program were Rev. Fred Clark, of Sunnyside, Wash., as speaker, and "The Gospel Notes," a quartet from Yakima, Wash., provided the music. George R. Christie, pastor.

**COVINGTON, VA.** Dr. Harold Etling, National Sunday School director, will be the dedication speaker of the new sanctuary at the Grace Brethren Church on Apr. 7. On Apr.

9, Dr. Etling will speak at the Pre-millennial Fellowship Association of Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina. Pastor Mason Cooper is vice president of this tri-state association.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** William E. Howard tendered his resignation as pastor of the Gay Street Brethren Church on Mar. 3. His resignation will become effective the middle of June 1963. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., conducted a week of revival meetings here during Mar. 17-23.

**KITTANNING, PA.** E. William Male, dean of Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind., will conduct meetings in the interest of Christian Day Schools at the First Brethren Church during Mar. 29-31. William Schaffer, pastor.

**ALBANY, OREG.** An organ dedication service was conducted on Mar. 3 at the Grace Brethren Church, Nelson E. Hall, pastor.

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.** Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, will be bringing a series of prophetic messages at the Grace Brethren Church during Apr. 7-14. A. Harold Arrington is pastor.

**DUNCANSVILLE, PA.** Mr. Willard T. Stuckey, Jr., a Ford automobile dealer of Hollidaysburg, Pa., surprised the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church with a new console Hamond church organ. This was a completely unexpected gift. Victor S. Rogers, pastor.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** Willis Bishop, professor of Old Testament at the Washington Bible College and graduate of Grace Seminary, was the guest speaker at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church on Mar. 3.

**WEST COVINA, CALIF.** The West Covina Brethren Church conducted a series of evangelistic meetings during Feb. 24-Mar. 3. Ward A. Miller, pastor of the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., was the evangelist. Robert Klierer is pastor.

**WASHINGTON, PA.** Shimer Darr, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports that a four-day meeting (Feb. 24-27) with Leo Polman of Brethren Financial Planning Service, was the "best thing that has happened to us for quite sometime."

**OSCEOLA, IND.** The laymen of the Bethel Brethren Church, Scott Weaver, pastor, were in charge of the evening service on Feb. 24. A men's choir and quartet provided the special music. Herman Schumacher, a lay member of the church, gave a history of the Osceola church, and layman Ray Fulmer presented the evening message. Twenty-three decisions were made at the close of the service. A man 71 years old made a first-time decision. The offering for the Board of Evangelism was \$75.11.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** A Bible and Science Conference featuring Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr., professor of Old Testament at Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., will be held at the Grace Brethren Church during Apr. 28-May 3. Glen Crabb, pastor.

**WAYNESBORO, PA.** The National Youth Evangelism Team (Dave Hocking, National Youth director, Jim Custer, and John Schumacher) from Winona Lake, Ind., are scheduled for youth meetings during Mar. 30-31 at the First Brethren Church, Robert Crees, pastor.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** Community Brethren Church, Ward Miller, pastor, announces their seventh annual missionary conference to be held Mar. 24-31. The keynote speaker will be Edward Miller, Brethren

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 Brethren Annual are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Claude H. Pearson, San Pedro, Calif.

George Peek, Long Beach, Calif.

Don Rager, Conemaugh, Pa.

William Samarin, Hartford, Conn.

Floyd Taber, Africa

James Sweeton, Johnstown, Pa.



Missionary to Brazil. Dr. Bernard Schneider from Sanibel, Fla., is the featured Bible teacher speaking nightly on the general topic of missions in the light of Bible prophecy. Other Brethren missionaries to appear in the week-long conclave are: Tom Julien, France; Floyd Taber, M.D., Republic of Central Africa; Dr. Russell Barnard, Foreign Missionary Society secretary; Keith Altig, Brazil; Walter Haag, Sibley Edmiston, and Roy Howard, Mexico. A missions goal of \$16,500 has been set for 1963.

RITTMAN, OHIO. The Northern Ohio district WMC rally was held at the First Brethren Church on Jan. 20. Mrs. Ivan Moomaw spoke on the subject "A Laywoman's View of a Mission Field." Charles Turner was host pastor.

RIALTO, CALIF. R. I. Humbert, Brethren Bible teacher and conference speaker, held a Bible conference at the Rialto Brethren Church during Feb. 20-24. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., was guest speaker on Feb. 17. A surprise celebration was held in honor of Pastor Gerald Polman's birthday on Feb. 22 at the church. The pastor received a desk lamp as a gift from the congregation.

PUERTO RICO. Maxwell Brenneman, pastor of the Grace

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Judy Knode and Richard Munch, Feb. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Sylvia Pearl Vance and Robert Charles Heist, Feb. 23, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Mrs. Hazel Fisher and Ray E. Menser, Feb. 23, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Janina Levold and Larry Anderson, Feb. 22, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

Norma Searer and Paul Gebhart, Mar. 2, Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Brethren Bible Church in Summit Hills, reports a record average attendance of 51 in Sunday school during February. The Brennemens have moved. They are now buying a home, and the church services are being held in the large carport. The new home address is: 1721 Adams, Summit Hills, Puerto Rico. Telephone is 782-4466. The mailing address remains the same: P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico.

FLORA, IND. Lee H. Dice, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports a profitable Youth Leader's Workshop conducted by National Youth director, David Hocking, in February. Youth leaders from Kokomo and Peru were in attendance. The Flora church has just completed a Sunday-school teacher-training course on teaching methods and Sunday-school evangelism. On Feb. 17, seven persons were baptized by the pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Brethren Missionary Herald is sponsoring Vacation Bible School workshops April 1 and 2 at 7:00 p.m. An identical program will be presented each evening. Any Brethren church in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan or Illinois within driving distance is invited to attend.

WOOSTER, OHIO. The spring issue of *Daily Devotions* prepared by The First Brethren Church, is ready for mailing. This issue for April, May, June follows the assigned readings of The Brethren Bible-o-Rama lessons. The booklet is beautifully bound in yellow with green spring design. Order blanks have gone to all pastors and WMC secretaries. Donations of 20c per copy, plus 10% postage covers the cost of printing and handling of quantity orders. Single copy orders should be cared for with a donation of 25c. Please mail your order to Daily Devotions, Box 1, Wooster, Ohio.

FREMONT, OHIO. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, public relations director of Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind., and the Heralds of Grace quartet, presented a challenging program at the Grace Brethren Church on Mar. 3. Tom Hammers, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Evangelist Bill Smith reports 12 public decisions and an average attendance of 195 at the evangelistic crusade held at the First Brethren Church during Feb. 10-17. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

YOUNG, James O., 50, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio, died suddenly of a heart attack on Mar. 11.

The memorial services were conducted on Mar. 14 at the Sterling church with Charles Turner, pastor



Rev. James Young

of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio, in charge. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, public relations director at Grace College and former pastor of the Sterling church, brought the message. John Dilling, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, spoke in behalf of the Northern Ohio Ministerium.

SHAWER, John, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 4. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

—Warren Tamkin, pastor.

ANTHONY, John, was caught away upward on Feb. 26. He was a member of the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa.

—William Steffler, pastor.

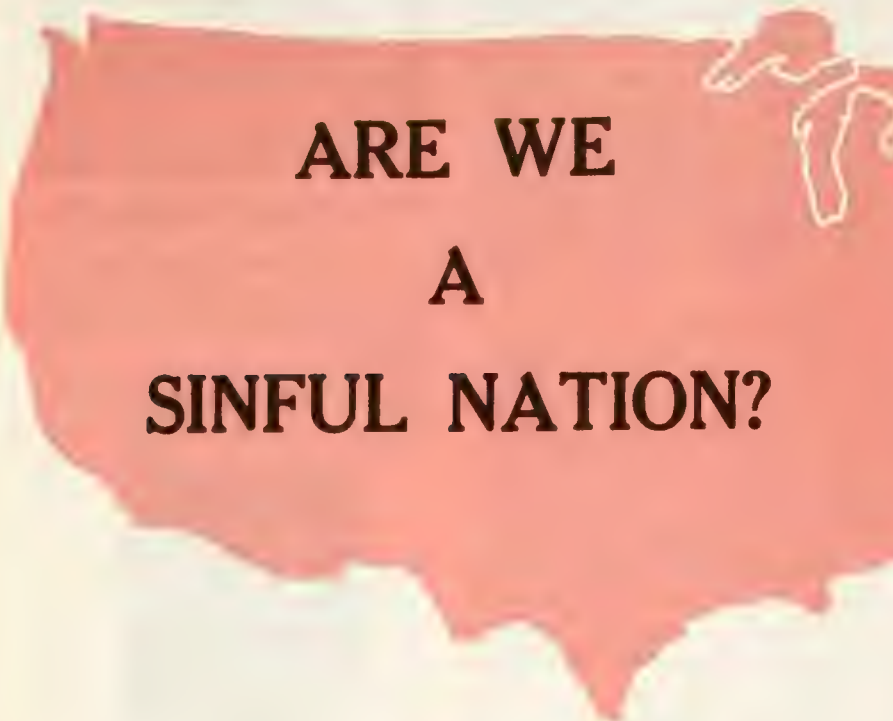
KREPPS, Mrs. H. N., 93, was loosed away home on Mar. 2. She was one of the signers of the articles of incorporation at the First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

—True Hunt, pastor.

HANSEN, Mrs. Wilora A., was loosed away upward on Feb. 20. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

—Russell Williams, pastor.





# ARE WE A SINFUL NATION?

By William Reeder

Moderator, Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio

(Editor's note: This is a message given by Brother Reeder on Evangelism Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church.)

A great problem troubled Habakkuk, a problem which has bothered many of God's people in various periods of history. The condition came from the fact that to all outward appearances wickedness seemed to be having a "field day" and was apparently winning out over righteousness. Flagrant, shameful sin was apparently going unpunished, while nothing appeared to indicate that God's justice was in control in even the slightest degree. Habakkuk knew that God was of "purer eyes than to behold evil" (1:13); yet all around there was terrible evil, and God did not seem to be judging it.

This is very similar to the situation in the world today. Much of the great sin again God appears to go unpunished. There is violence, strife, and wrongdoing on every hand. World powers which have had un-

equalled opportunities to live by the truth have turned their backs to God and live in falsehood. We are beset with the terrible curse of communism and other less important isms; yet God's hand of judgment does not seem to be upon them. What is true of nations is likewise true today of individuals. One need only read the daily newspapers to get some glimpse of this. Murders, attacks, robbing, cheating, lying are all rampant in the world about us, and the observer might say it goes unpunished. But God's judgment does not always come immediately. He has great patience. He quite often waits and chooses to suffer evil for a long time. When the believer sees that evil is unpunished, he is to realize that as a believer he lives by faith. *God's Word is sure.* He has promised to punish the evildoer and cut off the unrighteous. Therefore, this promise *will not fail.* We must realize that true faith determines a thing true by the fact that God

has said it in His Word, the Bible.

Habakkuk wrote his prophecy upon the eve of Judah's captivity. This captivity took place under Nebuchadnezzar's invasion, which left Jehoiakim subject to the king of Babylon. The Chaldeans were the instrument brought into power by God for the chastening of sinning Judah. At the close of the reign of Josiah, Ninevah was destroyed, and the Chaldeans came into power. It was during this period of history that Habakkuk lived and prophesied.

Habakkuk was deeply troubled because wickedness continued long and God did not interfere. He was pleading for help against the violent sinners who seemed to be prospering. Habakkuk cried to Jehovah—cried in earnest and with much patience. He did not cease crying because he was not heard immediately. He cried with fervor and did not tire, for he was deeply burdened with this situation. He was burdened with a deep grief because of the iniquity among the people. Yet he did not meet with success. Why, why did God not hear nor save? The reason most certainly was *not* because God was unmindful of His promise and unfailing in His mercy, but rather to the fact that the people had corrupted their ways and failed to repent of their sin. God is merciful indeed, *but* He is also just and holy. He could not save Judah until they confessed and gave up their sins. They simply were not worth saving until they humbled themselves before God.

In verse 3 of chapter 1 the prophet asks: "Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention." The people were so bold and impudent in their sinful ways that they didn't even care who saw them in their sins. All of it was openly committed. And then as we might suppose, there was hatred and strife which led to bitterness and moral and spiritual disorder among them.

Even worse, the prophet relates in verse 4: "Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth." The law was given to Israel for their direction and guidance; it taught them how to live, what to do



and what not to do. But this law was weak in that the magistrates, those who were to administer the law, were so corrupted themselves that there was no appeal against injustice. So it became very easy for the people to disregard and disobey the laws. Yes; the moral and spiritual state of Judah was in a very bad way, and it is easy to understand why Habakkuk cried out "O Lord, how long shall I cry out, and thou wilt not hear."

Eventually we see that God did answer the prophet's cry, assuring him that He would do a work, and that further He would do it during "his time"—Habakkuk's time. The work that God promised to do was nigh at hand. This work would be a wondrous work producing surprise and alarm. It would be unlike anything that had befallen a nation heretofore. It would be a stupendous work. "Ye will not believe, though it be told you" (1:5).

A description of the calamities which would be inflicted upon Judah are related in verses 6 through 11. God would raise up a mighty nation, the Chaldeans, whom He would use as His instrument of judgment. Habakkuk was aware that he would not receive an immediate answer to his plea and so, like a watchman looking forth from his watchtower, he waited to see what answer he would receive from heaven. In verse 1, chapter 2 he says: "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch."

Habakkuk waited to be divinely enlightened. He eagerly looked for a word or vision. Today man depends on his own ability. *If only* men would look to God for light as they stagger in the darkness of the world. Wisdom from God is to be had for the asking, for James 1:5 tells us: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

God's prophecies and Word will never fail of fulfillment. They are always fulfilled on time. The prophet is commanded to wait for the vision, and in so doing is assured that it will surely come and will not be delayed. We as God's people today may gather instruction and cer-

tainly comfort from this command. It is well to remember that God has an appointed time for all His purposes and their fulfillment.

Finally in verse 4 of chapter 2 we become aware of the stressing of the importance of faith. The believer lives by faith. His faith supports him in deep sorrow, brings comfort in darkest times. It provides life with meaning. Faith inspires us to consistent living in the midst of apostasy and sin, and in the midst of this apostasy and sin "the just shall live by His faith." This is an unmeasurable treasure. Do you possess it?

We as God's people look about us in the world today, and we can cry out as did the Prophet Habakkuk that to all outward appearances wickedness seems to be having a "field day." Yet if we have learned anything from the Prophet Habakkuk, we will not question whether evil and sin are going unpunished. *For this ought not to be our concern.* We have God's assurance that He is

in charge, and He will care for these things in due time as it pleases Him.

The world is pitched in darkness. From the course of world developments and from the prophetic forecasts of the Word of God we know that this age of grace in which we live is fast drawing to a close. We do not have the assurance as did Habakkuk that this work will occur in our time. Nevertheless we need to realize that our place is on the watchtower not watching and waiting to see God's judgment served upon the unrighteous, but rather we ought to be on the watchtower warning the Judah of today of their impending judgment.

Yes; the world is in the darkness of sin. As we stand on the watchtower and look about, each one of us need to reaffirm our faith, which is our strength. If our faith isn't sufficient to face the darkness of the hour, if we don't have that peace that passeth all understanding, then we need to heed the prophet's message.

## Money Taken From the Church!

Yes; that's right! Money has been taken from the church! There was a substantial sum of money taken from a nearby Brethren church this last Sunday. No; the building was not broken into and the money carried off, nor was it taken by any member of the church that was present last Sunday.

You ask: "Who was the guilty party, then?" The answer, "Absentees," of both those accounted and unaccounted. You see, some of our members were either out of town, sick, or had visitors, and therefore did not come to the Sunday services.

But instead of sending their tithes and offerings into the Lord's treasury, they did the unwise thing of holding onto the Lord's money. Some of God's people have a strange philosophy. They feel it's right to tithe and give offerings to the Lord when they are present on Sunday morning, but if unable to be present, they feel that this automatically discharges them from their financial obligations.

Some members who were absent Sunday love the Lord and are conscientious and honest enough. They will double their tithes and offerings next Sunday, but many will yield to the subtle temptation of keeping that which rightly belongs to God. It's this sin of covetousness on the part of the Lord's people that restricts the work of the church.

We cannot send missionaries to the foreign lands to win the multitudes to the Lord who are perishing in their sins. The church cannot build to provide adequate space for expansion here at home without money. Robbing God of tithes and offerings is not a trifle, but a tremendous sin. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).

—Leo Polman, Brethren Financial Planning Service



# the key to LIFE

By Benjamin Hamilton, Th.D.

*Life* magazine for November 2, 1962 pictured two intertwining spiral staircase models featured by the U. S. science exhibit at the Seattle Twentieth Century Fair. The unusual objects meant big science news. They represent the work of one American and two British doctors who deciphered the molecular pattern of DNA (which scientists call deoxyribonucleic acid). For their research, the doctors were awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize for medicine.

Extensive DNA publicity suggests a top rank exploit of science has been accomplished. While this new discovery will fire the imagination of many people, can DNA be meaningful to Christians? The data which scientists uncover about this strange chemical can become a magnificent display of the creative greatness of Jesus Christ. Scientists who believe in Christ could be thrilled by the revelation of their Saviour's handi-

work through DNA studies. Much of the research may show Jesus, the real maker of DNA, is indeed the Wisdom of God.

## What Is Special About DNA?

Many scientists say DNA is the key to unlocking life's mystery. They believe this complicated combination of sugars, phosphates, and other chemicals found in cells is outstanding for another reason. Supposedly this remarkable substance has hereditary data essential to the life of organisms. Scholars claim DNA can transmit the vital information to organisms of the same kind.

Scientists are eager to understand the exact chemistry of DNA. For then, according to certain press coverage, man might be able to modify the chemical structure of animals, men, and plants and their heredity. That goal reached, men of science hope man could make life out of ordinary chemicals.

As it stands now, much research must be completed before such rosy ambitions materialize. There is not just one DNA! Each organism has its own specific type of DNA with its own distinctive chemical makeup. Currently, geneticists (students of heredity) are making some headway in studying DNA found in certain viruses. But they must learn many more details about DNA in more complex organisms before the control of heredity and of life itself could be attempted.

## But Is DNA the Key to Life?

DNA could be a key to a particular physical life process helpful to understanding one mystery of life. Quite likely this one chemical will not unlock *all* of life's puzzles; especially in man's case.

Man is more than a combination of chemicals to be synthesized in laboratories. Whatever hereditary data DNA contains will not nourish man's spiritual nature. Only everlasting life satisfies man's spiritual need.

Man cannot replicate or control spiritual life. God allows man to investigate His physical creation, but not to manipulate or master spiritual life. However, men and women seeking that which satisfies more than

physical life can receive eternal life as a gift from God.

## The Key to Everlasting Life

Neither chemicals nor the deepest human knowledge are keys to everlasting life. Life eternal centers around a person: Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As the Bible says in John 3:16, whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Notice the words: "whosoever believes in Him." These mean all who put their trust, their confidence in Christ shall have life eternal. Such a promise is possible as a result of Christ's finished work on the cross of Calvary over 2000 years ago. Dying there, Jesus shed His blood, which alone cleanses from sin, making everlasting life possible. So reliance in complex molecular models of DNA and related substances is not the key to spiritual life.

Science journals and the world's press will cover all new findings about DNA. These reports will reveal amazing facts. Time alone will show the genuine significance of such findings. In the Middle Ages men sought the philosopher's stone that supposedly changed common substances into precious metals. Only in the twentieth century did man make new elements out of old ones by altering atomic structures. Once upon a time scientists thought they could make life by synthesizing protoplasm, the body of cells. Somewhere along the line that ambitious project was not realized. Next, scientists tried to analyze the molecular makeup of hemoglobin—the chemical that colors blood. Much knowledge about the composition of hemoglobin was uncovered, but information on the subject remains incomplete. And now DNA . . .

Science has made amazing advances without unfathoming the mystery of eternal life. Jesus Christ well said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Despite all the marvelous discoveries made by scientists, men still search for God. But He is not found in cyclotron, nor complex rocket technology. Jesus said: "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Jesus Christ is *the* Key to life.

# LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman

## WHAT LAYMEN ARE DOING

**JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE.** The first laymen's meeting in several years was held recently at the Grace Brethren Church. A meal was served, and there was special music and a layman speaker. The group was organized with the election of officers for the year. The men of the Limestone (Tenn.) church also joined in the meeting.

**VANDALIA, OHIO.** Bill Reeder, the moderator of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church, was the special

laymen's day speaker on February 24. The text of his message is printed in this issue of *The Brethren Missionary Herald* on pages 148 and 149. Be sure to read it.

**WINONA LAKE, INDIANA.** The laymen of the Winona Lake Brethren Church participated in all the services on Evangelism Sunday, February 24. They had complete charge of the evening service, when five men spoke on various topics.

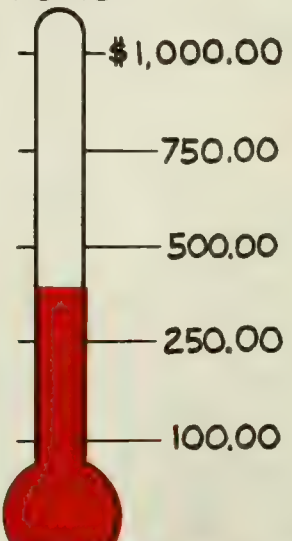
**TUCSON, ARIZONA.** The men of the Silverbell Community Grace

Brethren Church had charge of the morning worship service on Evangelism Sunday, February 24. The speaker was Barstow Hoffman, the Sunday-school superintendent. (Mr. Hoffman and his family are pictured on the cover of this issue.) He spoke on the necessity of laymen supporting the work of the church and specific areas in which they could be effective. He placed emphasis on men winning men.

Vice Moderator Edward Kluth led in prayer, and trustee chairman, Ross Ritter, read the Scripture. Bob Swihart was the songleader and led in the receiving of the offering for the Board of Evangelism. Pastor McKillen was allowed to have his own "announcement period"!

**FIRST REPORTS** from a number of churches indicate that laymen were extensively used in the services on Evangelism Sunday. What did your men's group do? Send in your news items so that we may share them with brethren across the country.

## GENERAL FUND



Our general fund needs your help! Since August 1, 1962, a total of \$391.90 has been given toward the expense of running your national laymen's organization. Frankly, this amount hasn't covered the expenses to date. Won't your laymen's group consider sending a special offering NOW to help bring our finances up to a better level? Ben Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana, is our national treasurer.



Northern Atlantic District laymen with Mr. George Wilhelm, of York, Pennsylvania, the district president, presiding at the business meeting. (Photo by Allen Zook.)

**NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT** laymen met recently in the Lancaster (Pa.) church with a near record-breaking attendance. Eight out of nine district churches were represented. Two local speakers, one a minister and the other a doctor, challenged and encouraged the men with their messages. A picnic supper was held in the basement of the building

in which the church meets. District reporter Allen Zook states that it was one of the finest district fellowships they have had. The Lancaster church who hosted the men for the first time, really went "all out." Plans were completed at this meeting for the district meeting, which will be held at the River Valley Ranch in Maryland.







# President Hoyt Speaks

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—GRACE COLLEGE

## *Verdict One or Two*

The disciples addressed Christ with a question: "Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" (John 9:2). The solution in the mind of the disciples was narrowed to two possibilities, and to them there seemed to be no other. But Christ disposed of both and turned to another. Perhaps that is the situation we face at Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College.

As it appears to us, there seems to be just two possible solutions to the financial problem that is now confronting us. It will be necessary for us to raise more money in gifts to promote the work of this school, or we must devise some way to make a better use of the money we are now receiving in gifts. If there is another solution to the problem, it is unknown to us now. But we are more than ready for any information that will lead us to the proper solution of our problem.

## *This Is the Problem*

Christian schools are educating young men and women who must meet the standards of the world in which they expect to be employed. Those standards are growing more selective in the demand for graduation from regionally accredited colleges. As a result, the counseling services of the high schools all across the Nation are advising young men and women to seek admission to colleges that meet those standards. So far as The Brethren Church is concerned, this is true for her own sons and daughters, and it is likewise true for the Christian young people of other denominations. Inasmuch as the whole future of a young man or woman is bound up with the quality of education he gets, it is not surprising to discover parents and children strongly influenced away from any Christian school that cannot promise some measure of educational security.

There is no use to hide our heads in the sand and ignore this fact. We must face it. And the pressure to that end will be increased. This is evident from the experience of the great Evangelical mission boards. There was a day when they could send a Bible-school graduate to the mission field. But now, foreign countries are insisting that these missionaries present credentials of graduation from recognized colleges so that they will have something else to offer their people besides the missionary message. Mission boards may shrink from this, but they cannot escape the new pressure. Moreover, there is hardly a realm where new value is not being placed on quality education. And the seal of quality education in the mind of the general public is regional accreditation.

## *This Means More Money*

The trend of the times means more money for educa-

tion no matter how you look at it. Any education that is worth the name calls for progress, proper facilities, and a competent faculty. Educators that are worth their salt will not long continue to be identified with an educational program that makes large promises and produces little goods. Nor will the Christian public continue to support a program like that. Much less, of course, will students be attracted to that sort of institution.

But when facing quality education in terms of regional accreditation, a new emphasis is placed on the need for more money. Why? Because there are standards that have been agreed upon by these accrediting agencies, and the vast number of schools have met those standards. This leaves no choice for any school that is seeking to be recognized on the same level and to compete in the open market for students, even Christian students.

In view of the fact that the number of genuine Christian institutions is diminishing, there ought to be even greater concern on the part of believers that top level academic training be made available in a genuine Christian environment. But this requires more money.

## *Here Is a New Idea*

In the past at Grace and in most schools, it has been the policy to use all gifts to subsidize operations to the end that the tuition might be kept as low as possible. But most schools are finding that gifts are not increasing sufficiently to prevent the rise in tuition costs. Moreover, they are also finding that there is a spiraling need for funds to aid students to pay those tuition costs in spite of the fact that all gifts have been channeled to that end. With the gifts already used up, there is nothing left to aid the needy student. This often means that in his extremity, he must drop out of school.

Within recent years, the Federal Government has made loan funds available to colleges to help these students. But the amount allocated to Grace College is far too small, even as in other institutions, even though every effort is expended to spread these funds out just as far as possible. The United Student Aid Fund is another source of loan funds now available, and is being processed through local banks. At the start of this year the President's Fund was inaugurated for this purpose. All of these are meeting in part the growing need among students.

But is it not possible that the funds raised each year by gifts could be more profitably used by loaning this money to students? Upon graduation and the securing of a position, this loan could be paid back, thus conserving the gift and keeping it in circulation for future students. Adding to this year after year would enable the school to meet the increasing demands of progress by helping the student pay the increasing costs of tuition. This help would come to him at the time he needs the help; namely, while he is going through school.

Education is a legitimate and worthwhile field for investment. No one thinks anything of investing \$3,000 or more in a car, which must be replaced in several years. Surely an investment of a similar amount in an educa-

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# The Lord's Supper

By R. Wayne Snider

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Because the Lord realized how prone the human heart is to forget spiritual truths, He was careful to make sure that ordinances would serve to make the events in the history of salvation come alive. In the case of the Lord's Supper, the future aspect of the Lord's ministry in behalf of His own is brought into view.

There are only two terms in the New Testament which refer to the meal, which the Lord ate with His disciples in the upper room the night before His death. The first of these terms is the one used as the title for this article, "The Lord's Supper." We find this designation in I Corinthians 11:20. It was instituted by the Lord, and it was a full meal; therefore this is a logical term. The second term is "Feast of charity," and appears in Jude 12. The reason for such a designation is that again there was a full meal, and the outstanding characteristic was that of love. This should still be the attitude of those who participate in this ordinance.

Many Christians confuse the Lord's Supper with the Jewish Passover. This confusion results from a failure to examine some key passages. From the Old Testament it is learned that the Jewish Passover was eaten on the fifteenth of the month, while John explains that the meal which the Lord ate with His disciples was "before the feast of the passover" (John 13:1). It follows then that the Lord's Supper was eaten in the upper room on the fourteenth of the month. In addition to this passage in John's Gospel, the same writer mentions in 18:28 that those who were present at the trial of Christ did not wish to go into the judgment hall so that they would not be defiled to eat the Passover.

Also, at times there might be a misunderstanding regarding the eucharist and the Lord's Supper. These two are distinct. The first three Gospels make this clear. In the Gospel of Matthew, the writer

twice indicates that the eucharist (the bread and the cup) were observed as they were eating, or during the course of the meal (26:21, 26). Both Luke and Paul state that the cup was taken after the supper (Luke 22:20; I Cor. 11:25).

## *The Purpose*

The term having been defined and distinguished from some misuses, it is necessary now to note the purpose for which Christ instituted it. Christ sent His disciples to make all of the essential preparations for the last meal, which He would eat with them before the beginning or the last events before His crucifixion. He gave specific instructions that the service of footwashing should be practiced (John 13:13-15), as well as the eucharist (Luke 22:19-20). The entire service in the upper room was a unit. The eucharist set forth the past aspect of salvation; the footwashing, the present; and the supper, the future aspect. All three are needed if there is to be perpetuated the full meaning of our salvation through these symbols.

This was not an ordinary meal, which was eaten in the upper room. It had a special meaning because of the nearness of the Lord's death on the cross. It was given a special name by which it is still known in certain denominations. It is the love feast (Jude 12). Love was the predominant characteristic. This display of true love was possible because of the divine love of the Lord who at the supper showed His loving concern for His own, and the next day gave the utmost demonstration of His love. Even beyond the love which the Lord showed to His own is the love which He offered Judas. He tried at the last moment to reach the heart of the one who would in a few hours betray Him. No wonder the Early Church referred to it as the "feast of love."

The Lord was the central char-

acter in the proceedings which took place that night in the upper room. He served as the host and presided over the events of those hours. In this same role He will preside at the marriage supper of the Lamb where again the predominant characteristic of love will be evident. He as the Bridegroom will officiate at the wedding supper for His bride, the church. It is toward this wonderful feast that the Lord's Supper points (Rev. 19:7-9; Eph. 5:25-33). Every time the Christian observes this symbol his mind and heart are drawn to the spiritual reality of that future supper with the Lord.

## *The Procedure*

Those who have had the privilege of experiencing the blessings of this ordinance find that as they gather with other believers the spiritual benefits are multiplied. All of us realize that even in the ordinary affairs of our everyday lives that some of the times of sweetest fellowship as a family are at mealtime. How much more should this be true when believers gather together for fellowship at the time of the observance of the Lord's Supper! There is a feeling of oneness on this occasion, which is very seldom felt at any other time in the events of the local church.

The believers are to gather frequently as a group to observe the Lord's Supper, and this as a foretaste of the great marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

## *The Promise*

The promise for those who practice this can be briefly stated. If the three aspects of the events which transpired in the upper room are necessary in order to picture a complete salvation, then it is also true that all three of these must be observed if the blessings and spiritual benefits are to be complete. After the Lord had carefully set forth by His example and instructions how these truths should be perpetuated, He concluded with the promise: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). Anyone who has participated in the threefold communion service can testify to the fulfillment of the promise of the Lord.



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Gordon's Calvary in Jerusalem

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Th.D.

The climax of any tour of the Bible lands is certainly Palestine itself. The modern tourist crossing the Jordan River just north of the Dead Sea, like those who followed Joshua, is confronted with Jericho, "the city of palm trees," with its ancient ruins adjacent to the modern village. As he travels up the Jericho Road, he will come to Bethany just before rounding the southern slope of the Mount of Olives, and then behold the spectacular view of Jerusalem.

Several days will be spent in Jerusalem visiting the Temple area, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Gordon's Calvary, and the Garden Tomb. A one-day trip to the south includes Bethlehem and Hebron (where the early patriarchs were buried). Another trip to the north will provide glimpses of Nob, Anathoth, Shiloh, and especially Shechem and Samaria. Near Shechem is Jacob's Well where Jesus once sat under the shadow of Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim, and Samaria still reveals the foundation ruins of Ahab's palace.

As one crosses over into Israel, he

is fascinated by the contrast of Jewish Jerusalem with the old walled city on the Arab side. The Road to Emmaus continues down to the huge modern coastal city of Tel Aviv from which old Joppa can be seen just to the south. Then, the tourist traveling up the fertile Plain of Sharon is thrilled with the panoramic view of Haifa from the top of Mount Carmel (where Elijah stood). But the best is yet ahead! As he crosses the Plain of Esdraelon (Valley of Armageddon), he comes to Nazareth on the northern edge of this great valley, and to Cana of Galilee just beyond. Some would consider the Sea of Galilee and the ruins at Capernaum on its northern shore to be the most impressive reminder of our Lord's public ministry to be found anywhere in Palestine.

It is difficult to imagine a more stimulating and profitable experience in Christian education than that of traveling through the Holy Land with an open Bible, and in fellowship with people of like precious faith.



## THEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF



By Herman A. Hoyt, Th.D.

At intervals through the history of the church, beginning with Pentecost, an amazing phenomenon attributed to the Spirit has been experienced within the professing church. The instances of speaking in tongues recorded in the New Testament can be received as genuine demonstrations of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2, 10, 19), and the discussion of Paul in chapters 12–14 of First Corinthians witnesses to an experience that was genuine. But many other such instances within the professing church must be viewed with suspicion.

In recent years within certain areas of the professing church there has been a resurgence of speaking in tongues. Even more recently this phenomenon has appeared on college campuses across the Nation. The bold claims for genuineness and

the high values placed upon this experience lead one to a closer scrutiny of the teaching of the Word of God on this point. Some are saying that these speakings are manifestations of the Holy Spirit, that they indicate a spiritual awakening, that people are experiencing an encounter with the living God.

Christian periodicals have given wide publicity to these events among Evangelical believers with intimation, if not clear approval, of the demonstration. It is asserted that these speakings are the work of the Holy Spirit. Some say such speaking is the evidence of the presence of the Spirit, and the speaking issues from the power of the Spirit. It is argued that speaking in tongues is the direct result of the filling of the Spirit, or the baptism of the Spirit, and is a gift of the Spirit. In one

case, the editors, in referring to an article appearing in their magazine, state that "this is not an attempt at theological interpretation—but is presented as a personal witness" (Christian Life, Feb. 1963, Page 32).

In the light of these facts, it does seem that the movement has reached sufficient proportions to require a theological discussion. This article does not presume to examine each set of circumstances in which such speaking appears today, but rather to set forth what the Word of God has to say about measuring and controlling the genuine exhibition of this spiritual phenomenon. If the accounts of tongues in Acts and First Corinthians refer to the same kind of speaking, then the Book of Acts gives us the historical manifestation, while Corinthians gives us the theological interpretation. By clear statement the instruction of chapters 12, 13, 14 of First Corinthians was not only for the local congregation in Corinth, but also for the entire church through all of its earthly sojourn (I Cor. 1:2). The teaching of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul is therefore pertinent to the situation today.

### ***Theological Instruction on Tongues Was Given To Provide a Correct Evaluation of Their Worth in the Church***

Two kinds of speaking were prevalent in the Early Church, both of them gifts of the Spirit; namely, prophecy and speaking in tongues (I Cor. 12:10). Like all spiritual gifts, they were bestowed for the welfare of the entire congregation (I Cor. 12:7). But by virtue of intrinsic nature, some gifts were more valuable to the congregation than others, and therefore these people were exhorted to desire the best gifts (I Cor. 12:31), and in any event, gifts were to be exercised in love so that they might accomplish their purpose (I Cor. 12:31; 13:13).

By direct assertion the value of tongues and prophecy are thrown



into contrast in relation to the public assembly. "In the church . . . five words with . . . understanding" are worth more "than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (I Cor. 14:19). This is a categorical statement that has no exceptions attached to it, and it is almost equivalent to saying that speaking in tongues is practically worthless in the public gathering. It is no wonder that Paul insists that "greater is he that prophesieth" (14:5) because he "speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" (14:3), whereas the man that "speaketh in an unknown tongue, speaketh not unto men, but unto God" (14:2), and "he speaketh mysteries" (14:2), and "edifieth himself" (14:4). While interpretation may enhance the value of tongues for use in the public assembly, the value is still so small that it should be used only in private.

The rather dire associations in the exercise of this gift cast a dark shadow on its usefulness in the church. The Corinthian congregation was full of problems. It was rent asunder with divisions (1:10). One of the lowest forms of fornication was present (5:1). Litigation and carnal license were practiced (chap. 6). Problems of divorce and remarriage confronted them (chap. 7). There was a cold indifference toward weak brethren (chaps. 8-10). Inappropriate dress of women serving as leaders and indecency at the Lord's Table were shocking (chap. 11). The inability to recognize the best gifts and to exercise those gifts for the benefit of all demanded special instruction (chaps. 12-14). Even doctrinal defection striking at the very heart of the Christian faith was present in this church (I Cor. 15:12).

In addition to all this, the Apostle's appraisal of the spiritual condition of this congregation casts even darker shadows upon the spiritual value of tongues in its public meetings. Paul was unable to write to them as spiritual people (3:1). For even though they may have known a great deal about spiritual things, they were not submitted to what they knew. Instead they were characterized by carnality, envy, strife, and factionalism (3:3). It seems quite ap-

parent that there was a woeful ignorance concerning the Scripture, as well as unconcern for what they knew (4:6; 6:2, 9, 15, 19). Like immature children, they were self-centered, without understanding, and purposeless as attested by their fascination for the spectacular and emotional element in tongues (3:1; 14:20). Edification of their fellow brethren in the public assembly was far from their thoughts (14:5, 12), and evangelization of the lost was impossible because no clear message of truth was ever conveyed in the exercise of tongues (14:21-23). In its public gatherings, when tongues broke out, there was nothing but disorder, confusion, and distraction, which called for a message correcting its abuses and reappraising of its values (14:23, 33, 40).

### ***Theological Instruction on Tongues Was Given To Prevent General Demoralization in the Public Gathering***

Since people are intelligent beings, these qualities must characterize public gatherings. There must be purpose, order, and understanding. If these are absent, such meetings will degenerate into mere uproar with a demoralizing effect upon everyone. This was happening in the exercise of tongues in the Corinthian congregation.

The purpose of the public gathering should have been to edify every person who attended the meeting (14:12, 26). But this was absent in the exercise of tongues. Those who spoke in tongues were speaking to God and not to men (14:2). They were uttering mysteries; that is, secrets (14:2), the effect of which was to edify themselves and no one else (14:4). And without interpretation, not even the speaker received any value from the speaking (14:13-14). Like children without any self-control, they were engaged in meaningless gyrations, uttering senseless noises, and giving vent to personal emotion (14:20, 23, 32).

In the nature of the case, order in the public gathering was necessary to carry out the purpose of the

meeting. But this too was absent in the Corinthian assembly. The qualities of indecency and confusion made it impossible for the unlearned to say "Amen" to the things that went on (14:16). Visitors from the outside were filled with consternation as they watched all of them speaking in tongues and concluded that they were "mad," meaning crazy (14:23). Lack of self-control added to the confusion and produced revulsion in people. It was this that led to admonition on these points (14:27, 29, 32-33).

Basically, understanding was necessary if purpose and order were to be apparent in the public meeting. But this was woefully absent. Since the speaking in tongues was purely selfish in purpose, providing an opportunity to indulge in riots of emotion, they were perfectly happy to utter secrets without interpretation (14:2, 5). Since no one understood what was being said, the message had no effect in the lives of the hearers (14:6-10). The ultimate result was that one person was to another in this assembly as a "barbarian" uttering a sort of foreign, weird, gibberish (14:11).

This was demoralizing for all. The confusion produced spiritual instability, which is the meaning of the word "confusion" in verse 33. This was just the opposite of peace and quiet and rest of which God is the author, and which every public meeting of the church should contribute to its attendants. Instead people went from these gatherings in a condition of emotional agitation and spiritual tumult. This could only lead to spiritual decline and disintegration.

*(To be continued in April 20 issue)*

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## **President . . .**

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tion is even more worthy, for it will be productive for the student for the rest of his life. In the face of mounting costs the idea of loans for education is being exploited far beyond the limits of the Federal Government and needs to be carefully considered in The Brethren Church.



## Glance at Grace

BY DARLYN ANN BARNETT

*Kittanning, Pennsylvania*

During my short time at Grace, the spiritual aspect has impressed me most. The personality of God has become much more real and living to me. This has been accomplished through the sum total of our spiritual life here, but two things have particularly stood out.

First, my Old Testament Survey class has really been a blessing to me. Through it, the very beginnings of the world have become really understandable to me. I have been shown the omnipotence, goodness, and severity of God. Now I also realize the significance of the Old Testament and its relation to the New Testament.

The second thing is the dorm prayer meetings. Once a week we gather together in small groups to read God's Word and pray. We feel no stiffness, but freely pray for each other's problems. It has been said that there is power in united prayer, and this has certainly held true.

Thus I feel that I have grown spiritually here, and I feel one of my purposes for coming to Grace has been fulfilled.



It takes the visitor to Grace College only a short time to discover the importance of music in the daily schedule of this school. Strains of Handel's Messiah drift through the halls, while intricate instrumental patterns can be heard behind the closed doors of various practice rooms in Byers Music Hall. Practically all spiritual services are opened with songs of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. It is here at Grace that I found satisfaction in the study of music.

Other colleges that I investigated offered commendable courses, but none could supply the practical training in sacred music that I so greatly desired. At Grace, classes are geared to give instruction, which the student can readily put to use. The many opportunities given me to use new knowledge while playing for chapel or accompanying various vocal ensembles are very worthwhile. I am ever thankful for a school in which Christ shines forth in its curriculum; a school in which I can learn to serve my Lord better in my chosen field of music.

BY JACKIE MERRICK

*Washington, D. C.*



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**THAT** many American businesses operate a "Matching Gift Program" to help support higher education?

**THAT** they are willing, even desirous, to match your gift—dollar for dollar—to the eligible educational institution of your choice?

**THAT** Grace College is one of the "eligible" institutions?

**THAT** the company for which you work may have a Matching Gift Program, and your gifts for the training of young men and women for Christian service may be doubled (one well-known company *triples* them)?

As of July 1, 1962, more than 150 companies were participating in Matching Gift Programs as an incentive for their employees to give to institutions of higher learning. A list of these companies is found on this page.

While programs vary with the company, all are essentially the same. See your employer, or the personnel office of your company, for specific details. A short form provided by your employer will assist you in participating in this program.

"Why not *double* your gifts to the Lord? He will multiply them even more."

If the company for which you work is not listed at the right, possibly it would consider establishing a Matching Gift Program. You may wish to suggest it. Often a company may wish to help support higher education, but has not yet decided how best to do it. The Matching Gift principle may be the answer.

Inquiries for further information may be addressed to:

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A member of one of our churches in the State of Washington recently contributed \$40 to GRACE COLLEGE, and the Glidden Company matched it with a check for \$80, or a total of \$120.

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## MATCHING GIFT COMPANIES (As of July 1, 1962)

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- 28 Christian teachers
- 4 chaplains

28 who have entered varied fields, such as editing Christian publications, writing Sunday-school material and devotional articles, being youth leaders and music directors for various churches, and Christian businessmen and laymen.

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, GRACE COLLEGE HAS GRADUATED MANY FINE STUDENTS HOLDING DEGREES IN THE LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Grace College, since 1957, has granted:

- 162 B.A. degrees
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- 7 B.S. in Nursing degrees
- 4 B.S. in Music degrees

Of these graduates, at least one fifth have gone into a definite phase of fulltime service for Christ. Others have obtained prominent positions with the United States Government, some have chosen to go on into medicine, law, and higher secular education. Many have become Christian homemakers, elementary and secondary schoolteachers, and Christian laymen.

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Foreign Missions and WMC Issue



*Congratulations to SMM on Their 50th Anniversary!*



# Foreign Board Records Decisions

There were a number of important items for consideration by the FMS board of trustees in their mid-year meeting February 12-16 in Long Beach, California. The First Brethren Church and its members were gracious hosts for the occasion, and 100 percent attendance was recorded on the part of board members. The following items are gleaned from the meeting.

*Reports From Field Visits*—Brethren Clyde Landrum, Herman Schumacher, and Ivan Moomaw reported on visits to the fields of Puerto Rico, Brazil, and Argentina. The reports, carefully prepared and complete in scope, should be of value for years ahead.

*Field Superintendents*—Appointments of superintendents were made or approved for the following fields: Africa, Rev. J. P. Kliever; Argentina, Rev. Solon Hoyt; Brazil, Rev. John Zielasko. In Argentina the presiding person is actually referred to as president rather than superintendent, but the responsibilities are much the same.

*Austin Appointment*—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Austin of Long Beach, California, were appointed to missionary service in Argentina. See opposite page for further details.

*Dowdy Loaned to Grace College*—Rev. J. Paul Dowdy is being loaned by the Foreign Missionary Society to Grace College for the teaching of Missions and Spanish during the 1963-64 school year. This initial period may be extended. The Dowdys will maintain their standing as missionaries during the time of this service.

*Representative Pastors Invited*—Every district ministry is being invited to choose a pastor for a representa-

tive to meet with the board of trustees at some mutually agreeable time during the August annual meetings. The purpose of this meeting is to share problems and suggestions.

*Financial Report for 1962*—FMS total gift income, although the second largest in the history of the Society, was approximately \$19,000 less than that received in 1961. During the year when our fondest hope was to have paid out the remaining \$15,000 of pressing obligations, instead our debt was increased about \$10,000.

*Estimated Expenditures*—A staggering thing is that expenditures estimated for 1963 were about \$410,000. This came from the increase in missionary allowances authorized at the last annual meeting, the extensive needs on the fields, the fact that many missionaries will be traveling to or from the fields during the year, and the horrible monster of increased inflation. To help meet the financial challenge, field operating budgets have been reduced by about 20 percent from the amounts requested, and kept in the general area of that which was spent in 1962. We anticipate and earnestly request your continued sacrificial and loyal support.

*Project Action*—The stringent financial situation which is faced has caused the suggestion from the board of trustees that for the present, projects be chosen from items of necessary missionary expenditure. In line with this, no new projects were approved by the board. All projects approved in former board meetings may continue to be presented. It is earnestly desired that each church be able to increase its foreign-mission giving this year, and that any project giving be over and above this hoped-for increase in each church.

*International Fellowship of Brethren Churches*—There are now more baptized believers who are members of Brethren churches outside the United States than in our own land. It is therefore believed wise to suggest to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and to the Brethren churches in various lands, that an "International Fellowship of Brethren Churches" be established.

*Missionaries Needed*—The plea from all fields is for help! Africa is especially hard pressed for missionary

## COVER PHOTO



A little African SMM girl pauses for a cooling drink during a conference session.

This month, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha is celebrating its fiftieth year—a golden anniversary! In this period of time, SMM has become an organization that has grown to worldwide status. The Women's Missionary Council congratulates them on this occasion.

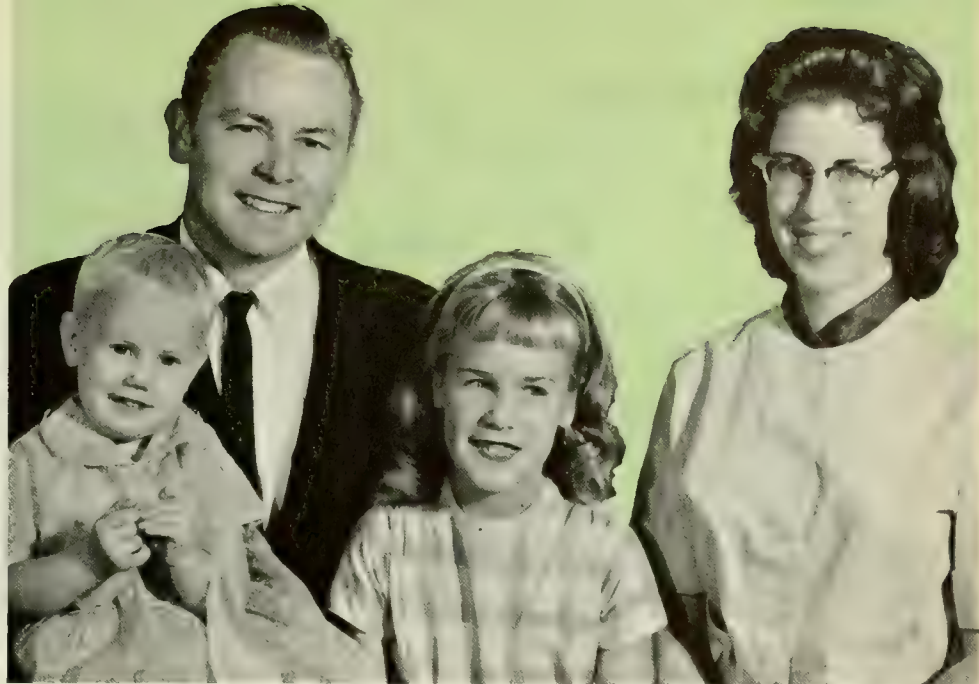


# A Challenge For You!

Open doors and qualified candidates to enter them—this is the combination sought by mission boards everywhere. And yet, too often these days there is a dearth of missionary candidates—and doors which are closed, or closing. Hence, the board of trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church is praising the Lord for another young couple ready to serve Him in a land where they are needed.

How many matters enter into the way the Lord prepares those who would serve Him on the foreign field! For Gordon and Charlotte Austin, it was during their high-school years that they found their first interest in the mission field. The influences and speakers through the years in a Christian high school, Christian colleges, and then seminary, all had a great bearing in the way the Lord directed these young people. They met as students in Long Beach's Brethren High. Graduating in the same class, they were married that summer after their graduation. They moved to Arkansas so that Gordon could attend John Brown University, and while they were there he became quite active in the Sky Pilots organization, as well as studying radio engineering and working in the school's radio station.

He combined a continuing interest in Sky Pilots and a college education by moving to San Jose, California. There he worked at the Sky



The Austin family

Pilots headquarters for a time, and finished his college work at San Jose State College, majoring in radio and Tv. It was during that time that Brother J. C. McKillen went to San Jose to establish a Brethren church, and the Austins also had a real part in that. They made another move—this time to Winona Lake, Indiana, for Gordon's study in Grace Seminary. This was concluded in 1961 when he graduated with the B.D. degree.

After seminary graduation Gordon and Charlotte, who by this time had two little girls—Colleen and Marilyn, returned to Southern California. The main scene of Brother Austin's labors has been radio station KBBI, operated by Biola, where he is presently chief engineer. Besides this, he has been active in various Brethren church activities. Last summer he served as assistant pastor and youth director at the First Brethren Church of Compton.

Now Argentina calls! The Austins were appointed to this field by the foreign board in their recent meeting. That's not all there is to this matter, however, as most Brethren realize. The board has set up certain requirements in the matter of funds for candidates going out. For the Austin family, this will total around \$8,000. Their tremendous challenge is to accumulate this amount by late summer, for the goal is for them to go to San Jose, Costa Rica, to begin their language study this coming September. This will give them time for a year's study before the desired arrival date on the field in 1964.

Appeals have gone out to the Missionary Outfit Clubs of our churches. If every Brethren church member will respond to the appeal to give \$1 or more for the Austins, their goal can easily be reached. Your co-operation is earnestly sought!

workers. They list their needs: two more doctors, four nurses, a printer (pressman), secretaries, editors, journalists, Sunday-school supervisors, another Bible-institute teacher (man), a business manager, a mechanic, literature distribution workers, youth workers, and children's workers. Because of furloughs, in Brazil there will be only a skeleton crew operating the field in the latter part of 1963. In France, to accomplish in any outstanding way we need four to six missionary couples; we now have two. Though help is needed in specialized areas, it is nevertheless true that those who are used to fill the needs must be, first, missionaries at heart.

*A Missionary Children's Schoolteacher*—Miss Ruth Kent, the faithful Missionary Children's schoolteacher for many years, will be on furlough July 1965 through July 1966. To fill in for this one year, we would be happy to know of a certified person who would like to teach for a year in Africa, probably one who could also pay the round-trip transportation. The Society will pay the regular missionary allowance on the field.

If you have questions concerning any of these actions, please write to the Brethren Foreign Mission Office, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana.



# We Need Christian Literature in Brazil!

By Rev. John W. Zielasko



What does the future hold for these youngsters, typical of millions in Brazil?

(FMS Ed. note: This article, though meant for the Special Literature Section of the March 9 *Missionary Herald*, did not arrive in time to be printed in that issue. However, it should be included in the consideration of literature for the mission fields.)

Several months ago Pope John XXIII gave audience to a group of newspaper men from all over the world. In the course of his talk to these men he emphasized the importance of the printed page by suggesting that St. Paul, if he were alive today, would devote himself to writing, rather than to preaching, in order to evangelize the world. At least one reporter (a Brazilian) took issue with the Pope and pointed out that Paul would do no such thing. The printed page can never substitute for the personality of the speaker. A good orator is still able to influence people more quickly than an impersonal printed page. Nevertheless, the Pope had a point. The pen exerts a tremendous influence in the world today. Unfortunately, the evangelical Christian church is not conducting a literature campaign to the extent that it should. There is far too little Christian literature reaching the hands and the minds of the awakening masses around the world.

Take northern Brazil for instance. Here a literature program meets with several problems that one would not have to face in other areas. In the first place, not every one can read and write. In fact, the great majority

have had at most the equivalent of a fourth-grade education. Therefore, they have not been interested in literature. In the second place, the salary of the working man is so low that it barely meets the necessities of life. With such a salary he is not going to buy books and magazines. Several young men have entered portage work with the idea of earning their living from the sale of books and Bibles. Needless to say, they were sadly disappointed. People are not eager to buy Bibles or Christian literature at any price. An appetite must first be developed, and that takes time.

This is the position in which we find ourselves at present in this part of Brazil. The preaching of the Word is creating an appetite for the Scriptures and many Bibles are being sold, but other Christian literature does not move very rapidly even in Christian circles unless it is distributed free of charge. If people cannot read, they do not have any need for books, and if they cannot buy milk for their children, they certainly are not going to buy literature.

At this stage of the work in our area, we need to recognize a literature program as a missionary endeavor. Yes; we need to have books, magazines, and Bibles available for sale; but more than this, we need good Christian material to distribute free.

The pastor of our church in Capanema organized a visitation program

among the young people of our church. He wanted these young people to visit house to house and invite people to the meetings of the church, but he also wanted them to leave some literature in each home. He came to me for material. What could I give him? Fortunately, I still had on hand a few booklets that were suitable. These along with a Gospel of John and a tract, "What We Believe," formed the basis for a literature campaign in Capanema. But this is limited! We need literature not only for one visit, but also for many visits, and we need it not only for Capanema, but also for Macapa, Icoaraci, the islands, Santo Antonio, Capitaço Poco, Quaranta Sete, Primavera, and so on. No funds are set aside for the distribution of literature. Need I remind you, dear Christian reader, that the cults and the Communists are in this business. They are spending thousands to get their Satanic message into the hands of people everywhere.

*What are we going to do?*

And, brethren, make no mistake. Brazil is a great awakening giant. We will see great developments in this country in the next twenty-five years. There will be tremendous economic and educational strides. It is for us to make sure there will also be a moral and spiritual advance. Only the message of Jesus Christ blanketing the country by preaching and by printing can accomplish this!

# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director

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MISSIONARY HELPERS

Left to right: Edwin Cashman, Jr., Evelyn Cashman, Evonne Cashman, all of Compton, California, where their daddy is pastor of the First Brethren Church; David Gow, Phoenix, Arizona (Grace Brethren Church); Anita Erb, Lake Odessa, Michigan (Grace Brethren Church).

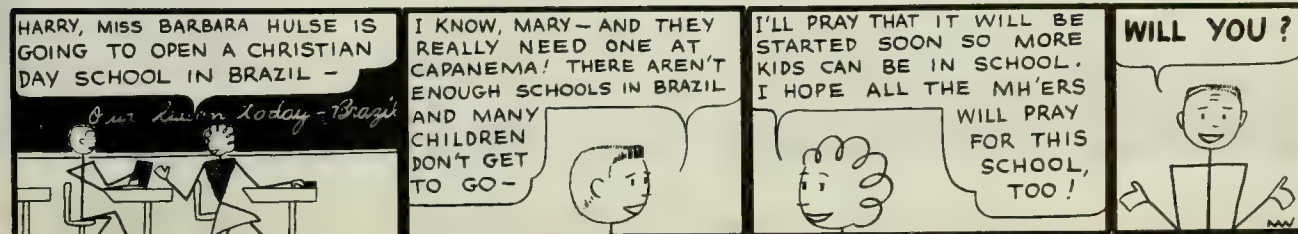


## KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason and part of their family returned to Africa for another term of service the early part of March 1963. Naomi and Steve, the two older children, stayed in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to attend school. Gloria, Wilma, Joyce, and a brandnew baby, Sharon, went back to the field with their parents. Gloria and Wilma are now at the Missionary Children's School. In Africa, the Masons' coming was a real answer to prayer—the need for a medical doctor was very great, for both their doctors had been gone on furlough.

## MARY MISSIONARY—

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## Tent Campaign Held in Argentina

By Rev. Robert J. Cover

Evangelism! What a challenge—and what a thrill to see it done by the nationals themselves! Last December the church in Corral de Bustos sponsored the Bible Institute's "Team of Evangelism" in a week-long tent campaign. Eduardo Coria, graduate of the institute and national pastor at Tancacha, had charge of the music. Juan Colle, student at the institute and chalk artist, used his talent to attract people, always ending his beautiful chalk drawings with a positive testimony of the power of the Gospel. Benjamin Enricci, graduate of the institute, preached the Gospel each night, clearly presenting the claims of Christ. Victor Wagner, student of the institute and candidate of the Argentine Church as missionary to the Indians in northern Argentina, was general director and MC. These young men proved that they know how to work and prepare, both spiritually and materially, for a successful evangelistic campaign. Their presence here was an inspiration to the entire church.

The campaign actually began several days before any services were held in the tent when the believers gathered in the church to pray and be challenged and instructed in their own responsibilities during the campaign. It had been some time since the last tent campaign. Interest was high.

The first night the tent was packed and many were standing outside. Some 140 gathered to see what was going on. Four adults and four children made decisions the first night; this included an entire family. It was the result of several months of patient and faithful witnessing on the part of the believers. You can imagine the joy experienced by the believers who had been instrumental in bringing these souls to the Lord.

Attendance stayed above one hundred every night. Many showed interest and later said they had come out of curiosity, but once there they felt they had to stay to the end of the service. Many who did not attend put their chairs outside on the sidewalk and listened to the music and the sermon from the large loud-speaker.

Bibles and literature were sold or passed out. The members of the team made special effort to talk to those who seemed to be under conviction or interested. Many said the message was the "right" message. Pray that this message may continue to work in their hearts "unto life everlasting."

The campaign was expensive for our small church here. But none of the members is complaining about the money spent. Nor are they complaining that they had to get up early to be at the church at 6:30 every morning during the campaign

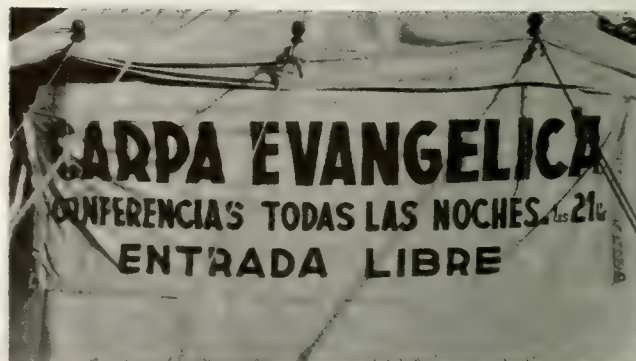
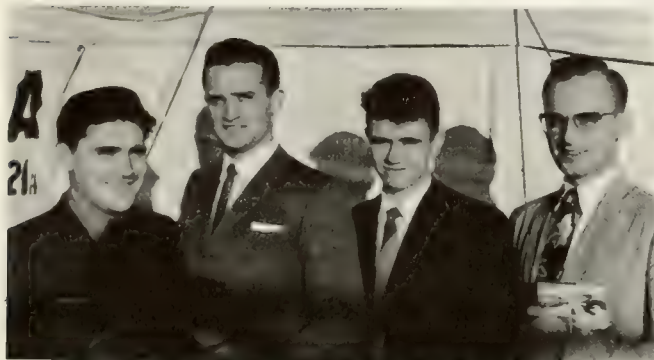
to pray. In fact, after the campaign they wanted to continue the early-morning meetings one more day for a special thanksgiving service. Later the team wrote to the church expressing their appreciation and asking for special prayer as they continue with their evangelistic efforts in various places. They mentioned especially the early-morning prayer meetings as a real source of encouragement and blessing.

The church is showing results today. Attendance has increased. Special classes on personal evangelism are being held. Believers are working with their friends and neighbors. There is a growing sense of responsibility among the believers, which is indeed gratifying.

This campaign was a national venture. The church sponsored it. The national young men held the meetings. The believers themselves felt the urgent responsibility to invite their friends. And the national church will be reaping the benefits from the campaign and others like it for many years to come.

Has missionary work been worthwhile in Argentina? Yes, indeed! This campaign was the result of years of hard and faithful labor here in Corral to establish a church; years of planning and teaching in the Bible Institute; years of faithfully showing through daily living the power of the Gospel; and years of praying and giving generously and sacrificially on the part of God's people in the States. Many have had their part in this campaign.

We might ask ourselves if we want campaigns like this to continue. I am convinced we do.



The team, left to right as mentioned in article. The four formed a quartet and spent much time in prayer and preparation for evening meetings. At right, sign announcing special meetings in the "Evangelical Tent."



# FOREIGN MISSIONARY DIRECTORY

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 Cochran, Miss Rosella, B. P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
 Cone, Rev. and Mrs. George E., Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
 Cripe, Miss Mary, B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
 Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Martin M., Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
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1. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	\$43.68	44. LaVerne, Calif.	13.95
2. Lancaster, Pa.	34.79	45. Paramount, Calif.	13.90
3. Warsaw, Ind.	34.01	46. Waterloo, Iowa	13.52
4. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	32.81	47. Palmyra, Pa.	13.05
5. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	27.86	48. Lake Odessa, Mich.	12.96
6. Vandalia, Ohio	27.82	49. Meyersdale, Pa.	12.55
7. Wooster, Ohio	27.68	50. South Pasadena, Calif.	12.23
8. Winona Lake, Ind.	26.28	51. Bellflower, Calif.	12.16
9. Middlebranch, Ohio	25.37	52. York, Pa.	11.67
10. Rittman, Ohio	23.92	53. Allentown, Pa.	11.54
11. Whittier, Calif. (Community)	23.21	54. Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	11.27
12. Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)	23.08	55. Duncansville, Pa.	11.03
13. Dallas Center, Iowa	22.50	56. Sacramento, Calif.	10.97
14. Beaumont, Calif.	22.16	57. Elkhart, Ind.	10.89
15. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	21.68	58. Dayton, Ohio (First)	10.66
16. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	21.68	59. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	10.62
17. Danville, Ohio	21.15	60. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	10.42
18. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	20.67	61. Winona, Minn.	10.41
19. Berne, Ind.	20.56	62. Clayton, Ohio	10.40
20. San Jose, Calif.	19.80	63. Harrah, Wash.	9.84
21. Sidney, Ind.	19.49	64. Rialto, Calif.	9.78
22. Waynesboro, Pa.	18.72	65. Kittanning, Pa. (First)	9.72
23. Conemaugh, Pa.	17.90	66. Denver, Colo.	9.56
24. Norwalk, Calif.	17.69	67. Montclair, Calif.	9.53
25. Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	17.18	68. Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	9.48
26. Accident, Md.	16.97	69. Trotwood, Ohio	9.43
27. Osceola, Ind.	16.83	70. Phoenix, Ariz.	9.41
28. Sunnyside, Wash.	16.78	71. Hatboro, Pa.	9.39
29. Flora, Ind.	16.67	72. Albany, Oreg.	9.36
30. South Bend, Ind.	16.44	73. Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	9.30
31. Portis, Kans.	16.05	74. Bell, Calif.	9.27
32. Long Beach, Calif. (North)	15.92	75. Glendale, Calif.	9.22
33. Everett, Pa.	15.70	76. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	9.20
34. Ankenytown, Ohio	15.47	77. Winchester, Va.	9.07
35. Johnstown, Pa. (First)	15.45	78. Gardena, Calif.	8.93
36. Long Beach, Calif. (First)	15.42	79. Akron, Ohio (First)	8.88
37. Modesto, Calif. (Community)	15.38	80. Clay City, Ind.	8.87
38. Garwin, Iowa	15.29	81. Goshen, Ind.	8.86
39. Inglewood, Calif.	15.10	82. Listie, Pa.	8.86
40. Ashland, Ohio	14.53	83. Jefferson Center, Pa.	8.71
41. Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	14.45	84. Grandview, Wash.	8.65
42. Compton, Calif.	14.13	85. Homerville, Ohio	8.57
43. Wheaton, Ill.	14.07	86. Jenners, Pa.	8.36

87. Norton Village, Ohio	8.30	133. Uniontown, Pa.	4.56
88. Seattle, Wash.	8.23	134. Anaheim, Calif.	4.51
89. Harrisburg, Pa.	8.17	135. Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	4.50
90. Cleveland, Ohio	7.86	136. Buena Vista, Va.	4.50
91. Tucson, Ariz.	7.63	137. Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	4.44
92. Altoona, Pa. (First)	7.59	138. Westminster, Calif.	4.28
93. Seal Beach, Calif.	7.42	139. Albuquerque, N. Mex.	4.15
94. Englewood, Ohio	7.38	140. Camden, Ohio	3.95
95. Portland, Oreg.	7.24	141. Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)	3.91
96. Leesburg, Ind.	7.13	142. Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	3.84
97. Chico, Calif.	7.11	143. Cheyenne, Wyo.	3.62
98. South Gate, Calif.	7.09	144. Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	3.60
99. Yakima, Wash.	7.04	145. Johnson City, Tenn.	3.46
100. Cedar Rapids, Iowa	6.79	146. Elyria, Ohio	3.43
101. Toppenish, Wash.	6.68	147. San Diego, Calif.	3.42
102. Lansing, Mich.	6.54	148. Virginia Beach, Va.	3.32
103. Tracy, Calif.	6.52	149. Covington, Va.	3.28
104. Troy, Ohio	6.48	150. Temple City, Calif.	3.24
105. Fillmore, Calif.	6.47	151. Leon, Iowa	3.07
106. Findlay, Ohio	6.47	152. Hollins, Va.	2.95
107. Alto, Mich.	6.43	153. North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)	2.93
108. Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	6.42	154. Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	2.88
109. Peru, Ind.	6.41	155. Alexandria, Va.	2.88
110. New Troy, Mich.	6.38	156. Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	2.78
111. Canton, Ohio	6.25	157. Spokane, Wash.	2.68
112. Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	6.24	158. Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	2.58
113. Washington, Pa.	6.20	159. Radford, Va.	2.38
114. Whittier, Calif. (First)	6.09	160. Kettering, Ohio	2.35
115. Sterling, Ohio	6.07	161. Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	2.21
116. Grand Rapids, Mich.	5.80	162. Taos, N. Mex.	2.03
117. Galion, Ohio	5.72	163. Clayhole, Ky.	2.03
118. Jackson, Mich.	5.70	164. Hastings, Mich.	1.92
119. Martinsburg, W. Va.	5.56	165. San Bernardino, Calif.	1.90
120. Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	5.54	166. Kokomo, Ind.	1.80
121. Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	5.43	167. West Covina, Calif.	1.79
122. Hopewell, Pa.	5.40	168. Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	1.72
123. Trout Lake, Mich. (Ozark)	5.38	169. Beaver City, Nebr.	1.65
124. Parkersburg, W. Va.	5.30	170. Artesia, Calif.	1.43
125. Martinsburg, Pa.	5.19	171. Davenport, Iowa	1.34
126. Limestone, Tenn.	5.15	172. Seven Fountains, Va.	.98
127. Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	5.14	173. Riner, Va.	.86
128. Margate, Fla.	5.13	174. Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	.80
129. Brookville, Ohio	5.01	175. West Alexandria, Ohio	.80
130. Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	4.84	176. Grafton, W. Va.	.72
131. Berrien Springs, Mich.	4.70	177. Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	.68
132. Aleppo, Pa.	4.69	178. Covington, Ohio	.05

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For blessings in the tasks you share,  
**R**eminding you that day by day  
We want to help along the way;  
**T**hat we true mothers want to be  
Guiding as each need we see.  
**H**ow our hearts are filled with cheer  
In SMM as year by year  
**D**aughters you have proved to be,  
Serving Christ so faithfully.  
**A**ll the love of Christ you've shown,  
All the precious Seed you've sown,  
**Y**ielding lives—lost ones to bring,  
Makes our lips with praises sing.



By Mrs.  
**Thomas Hammers**  
National WMC President

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**G**reetings to each patroness:  
God's wisdom may you each possess;  
**R**ichly may His blessings flow  
As strength and guidance He bestows.  
**E**very Little Sister small,  
Junior, Middler, Senior, all;  
**E**ach one is included too  
In our greeting now to you.  
**T**hanks we bring for goals you've met,  
Thanks for each objective set;  
**I**n each day that lies ahead  
May you by His Word be fed,  
**N**ot desiring your own way  
But whatever He may say.  
**G**od has blessed for fifty years  
Thru your joy and thru your tears;  
**S**omething has each day been done,  
Someone to the Lord you've won.

Devotional  
Theme  
for  
April

daughter, we wanted to make sure the decision was the one the Lord would have us make, for it would be our financial income. We prayed about it and were confident that the Lord would answer our prayers. We found a song that meant much to us during this time of waiting: "Every prayer will find its answer, Every earnest, trusting plea; Pray, and know that God is faithful,

months, the Lord taught me the need of patience in my life. It was a wonderful lesson, and the Lord became nearer to me through prayer and the study of His Word. I am confident that the Lord had a purpose in our waiting, and I know now that if we trust in Him, He shall direct our paths and guide us continually.

In December the Lord revealed to us in a definite way that we should move. With mixed emotions we accepted this as His will, and we are now trusting Him to use us for His glory in a new community. We are not in a town with a Brethren church, but we have found fellowship with other Christians here. We are near The Brethren Church in Waterloo, and we trust we will be able to attend there.

We truly thank the Lord for His leading and we can say: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Ps. 68:19). "Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you" (I Sam. 12:24).

# WAIT ON THE LORD

By Mrs. Wes Poyner  
Waverly, Iowa

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14). Many times the hardest lesson for Christians to learn is to wait on the Lord. We become involved and surrounded by our daily activities and when important decisions arise, we pray about them and expect our answer the next day, or the next week, and at least before the end of a month. However, the Lord has many lessons to teach us in waiting for His answer. This was my experience in October of last year. The Lord taught me to have patience—"But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it" (Rom. 8:25). My husband received an offer for another position in another town. We were happily settled where we were. We had prayed that the Lord would direct us to a city where there was a Brethren church, and that is where we were. The fellowship was wonderful. Now it seemed the Lord was opening another door for us. But it would mean leaving the Brethren church and our Christian friends. It would also mean leaving a good job for my husband, although seemingly for a better one. One, however, doesn't easily leave behind a job that has provided you with your material needs. With a baby

Tho' the world unfaithful be.  
"He has promised 'Whatsoever Ye shall ask, ye shall receive'; Naught shall fail of blest fulfillment,  
If we steadfastly believe."  
We waited for what seemed forever to us, but was in reality just two months. During those two

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

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# "SMM Countdown"

(WMC Ed. Note: This play by Mrs. Smith is suitable to be presented by local SMM girls in commemoration of the organization's 50th birthday. It can be used anytime during the year, but is especially suitable this spring.)



By Mrs. Williard Smith  
National WMC Assistant Secretary

## Scene I

Place: The home of Mrs. Mary Bauman in Philadelphia.

Time: The 1890's.

Characters: Mrs. Mary Bauman, pastor's wife. Teen-age girls: Evelyn, Janice, Patricia, Vivien, and Doris. Also, as many other girls as you wish to use, the more the better.

Costumes: Old fashioned, if possible, or the hair-do's, blouses, and skirts could suggest this.

Properties: Each girl carries a Bible.

As the scene opens, Mrs. Bauman is seated in a comfortable chair and has a small stand pulled up in front of her. It has a Bible, some papers, and a pencil on it. She looks around the room, counting the chairs, nods her head as if satisfied, and the doorbell rings (or a knock will do). She answers the door.

Mrs. B. "Hello, girls, come in."

Evelyn. "About half of us are here, Mrs. Bauman, the rest are meeting at Pat's house and are coming over from there."

Mrs. B. "Oh, that's fine—if I know Patricia, they'll be along any minute. My, but it's good to see so many of you. Find some chairs, girls, and make yourselves at home." (The doorbell rings (or knock). "Here they are now," and she goes to the door. "Come in, girls, the others got here just a few minutes ago.")

Pat. "I'm glad we're not late, we all planned to get here on time. We're really excited about this new venture!"

(While Pat is talking, the girls find seats and Pat sits down, too.)

Mrs. B. "You have no idea how thrilled I am to see so many of my

favorite girls here today. For a long time now, I've felt the need of an activity for girls that would not only deepen your spiritual lives, but would help you spread the Gospel to other girls and women."

Janice. "Mrs. Bauman, I can think of two girls right now that I could invite, if we have more meetings just for girls."

Vivien. "I do, too, Mrs. Bauman. I have a neighbor girl and her cousin who don't go anywhere to church. I know they'd love to come."

Evelyn. "This is wonderful, Mrs. Bauman, we can be real missionaries right here! How often can we meet? What shall we call ourselves?"

Mrs. B. "Whoa, girls, slow down; I appreciate your enthusiasm, but let us take one step at a time. First, let's bow our heads in silent prayer, ask God to show us what He would have us do, and how He would have us to do it. [All heads bowed a moment.] Mrs. B. continues—

"I've chosen a particular Bible reading today, and I want us to read it in unison; please turn to Luke 10:38 to 42 in your Bibles."

(All read together.)

Pat. "Our LORD loved both Mary and Martha, didn't He—and they both loved Him, but they served Him in different ways."

Mrs. B. "Yes, Patricia, that's true. Does this message from God's Word give you any ideas about your group here?"

Evelyn. "It makes me wonder why we couldn't call ourselves 'Missionary Sisters' because we'll be serving Him in different ways."

Mrs. B. "Thank you, Evelyn, but I think it's more important, just now,

to decide on when to have our devotional meetings, and where."

Doris. "Mrs. Bauman, could we, perhaps, meet on Sunday morning before the church service? If we invite guests, they'd stay for services."

Mrs. B. "Very good thinking, Doris, thank you. What do some of the rest of you think about that?" (All nod heads with vigor.)

Evelyn. "Oh, yes, let's meet every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, that's before our church service! (All girls say "yes" or "yes, let's.")

Mrs. B. "Thank you, girls, that's just what we'll do, and once every so often, I want all of you to come back here for a social time together."

Pat. "Mrs. Bauman, we want to thank you for loving us enough to help us have our own missionary work for our LORD."

End of Scene I

(Note: While the players are leaving the stage, the director may read the following:

"These meetings continued for several years. When Rev. and Mrs. Louis Bauman moved west, Mrs. Iva Kolb became their leader. There were thirty-five charter members of this first Sisterhood who were then called the Iva Kolb Auxiliary."

"Like a rocket through space, our countdown has reached the year 1963, and we are at Winona Lake, in the living room of Joyce, the national president of SMM as we know it today.")

## Scene II

Place: Winona Lake, Indiana (the home of Joyce)

Time: A Saturday in April of 1963.

Characters: National officers of SMM: Joyce, (pres.); Linda, (vice pres.); Paulette, (sec'y.); DeAnna, (treas.); Rosalie, (editor); Nancy, (lit. sec'y).

When this scene opens, the six girls are seated around the living room having an informal chat about one of their favorite subjects—the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

Joyce. "I'm glad all of you could make it over here today. It isn't often we can get together just for fun—we usually have to carry on a business meeting."

Rosalie. "Or, as editor, I'm trying to round you up for an article or two."

Nancy. "Speaking of articles, I was reading about our National SMM work, how it started, and so forth—do any of you know when the National work began?"



Joyce: "I hate to spoil your info, but I read it, too. It was in 1913 and there were twenty-one SMM's."

Paulette. "Think of it, we weren't even born yet!"

Nancy. "And only twenty-one Sisterhoods—I should have been in charge of literature then, I wouldn't have had half the work!"

DeAnna. "I'll say you wouldn't, there are 275 now, and my job as treasurer would have been a cinch."

Linda. "Say, this is our birthday month—remember it honors the first SMM that was organized back in Philadelphia."

Joyce. "That reminds me of the very first covenant; I copied it off and put it in my Bible just this week. Here it is: "I will not cease to make offerings of prayer, time, and money to the end that the daughters of sorrow in every land may know the love of Jesus."

Paulette. "That sounds funny compared to the way we say it today, but the thought is the same."

Joyce. "While we've been talking, I've made a discovery. During the years I've been in SMM, the covenant has become part of me. Whenever I need inspiration, I just get out my 1963 version and read it."

Rosalie. "How about that! I do the same thing. I keep a copy in my purse [she picks up her purse and takes out the copy, talking all the while]. I'm enthused about everything in Sisterhood from the slogan "Do God's Will" to the benediction! It's all Bible centered, and our studies and topics are the greatest! Let me read our Covenant to you right now, O.K. [some girls nod, some say, 'O.K.']. Rosalie reads very clearly with much understanding!"

"Grateful that I know the Christ, and trusting in His help, I will endeavor to be a living testimony unto Him; to serve others; to do unto others as I would have others do unto me. I will be mindful that vast millions of girls and women have not heard the tidings of great joy, and for these I will not cease to make offering of prayer, time, and money that they may know the love of Jesus."

In loving remembrance of my Master, I gladly enter this covenant."

**THE END**

## **An Experience That Drew Me Close to the Lord**

*By Mrs. Henry Rempel, Norwalk, California*

The Bible is filled with many experiences which the Lord sent to His own to draw them close to himself. Adam, Abraham, Noah, Moses, Job, the Apostle Paul, and countless others attended God's school of child training. It might be far better to ask for an experience of one of the above, rather than to ask for one of us to tell how the Lord brought us close to Him. God deals in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform; likewise He allows devious things to come into our lives to bring us into intimate and blessed fellowship with himself. In the midst of his trials, struggles, and experiences Paul could say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). I like this verse in the Amplified New Testament where it reads as follows: "I have strength for all things in Christ who empowers me—I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him, who infuses inner strength into me [that is, I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]." Thus we see that Paul was drawn near to Christ in sensing His Power for every need.

Ephesians 2:8 and 9, were the verses that brought me into the experience of the new birth in Christ Jesus. From that time on, the Word of God became "Yea and Amen" with me. I never doubted God's Word, but learned that whatsoever God promised, He was able also to perform. The first real experience that drew me closer to the Lord was one that took place when I was a new member of the First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio. I was then a young Christian. As such I undertook to visit and comfort another member of the church whose husband the Lord had called home. I tried to offer comfort from the Word

of God. To this she replied in bitterness: "Don't try to make me believe that the Lord cares, or loves me and my children. He has certainly not proven His love." This was a great shock to me, and led me to a more careful study of the Word.

It was not many months later, when I faced and passed through identically the same experience. My first husband was killed almost instantly as a conductor on the railroad. Yes; I, too, did ask, "Does the Lord love me?" and through it all I found that He did. This experience drew me close to His precious side. Immediately there flashed through my mind so many precious verses and passages that brought great comfort. I read I Corinthians 6:19 and 20, which reminded me that I am His property, for He had purchased me with His blood. So since I belonged to Him, my heart, mind, and soul were to glorify Him. Often I had prayed that my life might bring glory to His name. If this was now the way by which this was to be accomplished, I was willing to let Him have His way. Through it all the Lord proved himself faithful in so many ways. I learned to trust Him through this experience as I had never trusted Him before.

Such trials teach us to understand what Romans 8:18 and 8:28 mean. God can take *all things* and use them for our betterment. Experiences and circumstances beyond our control, all come from our loving Heavenly Father by His permissive plan, and according to the good pleasure of His will. These He uses to bring us close to Him. By these He changes us from glory unto glory until finally He is finished with us here below.

I thank the Lord for the hard  
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### **STEP BY STEP**

God does not lead us year by year, nor even day by day.  
But "step by step" our paths unfold as He directs our way.  
Tomorrow's plans are never sure, we only know this minute.  
But He will say, "This is the way, by faith now walk ye in it."  
And we are glad that this is so, today's are ample to bear,  
And when tomorrow comes around, His grace transcends all care.  
We shall not worry then or grieve, for God who gave His Son;  
Holds all our moments in His hand, and gives them to us one by one.

—Anonymous





Above is Mrs. Masaka Foltz of Hagerstown, Maryland, whose unusual and eventful testimony was published in the March 9 edition of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* on page 122.

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### HELP! HELP!

Any district or local project chairman who has some good ideas for WMC projects, please send them to National Project Chairman by April 30:

Mrs. Leslie Moore  
Box 87

Sunnyside, Washington  
The project booklet is now being compiled and will be ready for distribution at National Conference in August of this year.

## WMC News

**MODESTO, CALIFORNIA** (La Loma Brethren Church). The WMC Birthday dinner was in February in the Fellowship Hall of the church, which was beautifully decorated, as were the tables, in a valentine theme. Over one hundred women met and enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner prepared by Charlotte Dunlap and her committee, and served by a number of our young men. We were happy to have guests and friends who have not attended our meetings.

Four of our ladies made comments on the lives of the four birthday missionaries supported by WMC. Our main speaker was Mary Jane Gettke, who has a lovely contralto voice and a genuine testimony. She has made several sacred recordings and lives with her husband and five children in this locality.

Edith Bohn

**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT.** March first really came in like a lion in this part of the country, for

it rained, then snowed, and then sleeted. In spite of this, 111 men, women, and children met at the First Brethren Church in Washington, D. C. The Fellowship Rally had been planned to better acquaint our husbands with the work of WMC and to share the blessings we have had in studying "Kept by the Power of God."

The Lord had burdened our hearts to support a Navajo child for one year, and so the Navajos were the theme of this rally. Instead of using a mission study, we presented, "Bahi's First Day in Mission School." The offering amounted to \$131, and several councils were not able to report because of the weather.

Each council brought something for refreshments, and a real time of fellowship was enjoyed after the presentation of the program. We praise the Lord for His goodness in allowing us to share the spiritual and material things He has given us.

Mrs. Leonard Shingleton



### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This committee of ten met at Winona Lake March 7 and 8 to make plans for National WMC work. The group above is pictured during the noon hour on Thursday. Left to right: Mrs. Robert Griffith, Mrs. Ben Hamilton, Mrs. Jack Peters, Mrs. Norman Uphouse, Mrs. Wil-

liard Smith, Mrs. Thomas Hammers, Mrs. T. R. Henning, Mrs. Rose Foster, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Mrs. Leslie Moore, Mrs. Robert Ashman, and Mrs. Harold Etling. Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Etling were guests. (Photo by Gary Austin, Grace College.)



## LOOKING TO JESUS . . . IN HAWAII

By Mrs. Earl Wagner

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3

# KEEP LOOKING UP



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119: 105). How thankful I am that I have a light to guide me in my Christian life here on earth—the precious Holy Bible, the Word of God. I am thankful that I know the living Word, the Lord Jesus himself, who promises never to leave me or forsake me.

We send our greetings to you from across the miles. Our prayer for you is that you might know our wonderful Lord and that each day as you read His Word you will be led by His marvelous light.

I have been asked to share with you, Sisterhood girls, a glimpse of the Hawaiian mission field, the place where the Bible is given here. As you may know, these islands were at one time considered Christianized. But, down through the years they have become a melting pot of races who have brought with them their pagan religious beliefs. Every nation of the Orient and Asia is represented. In Honolulu alone there are more than 200 idol temples. Cults, such as you know on the mainland, are working to win the masses to their beliefs. It has been estimated that only 3 percent of the population has been reached with the saving Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is surprising and alarming, too, to realize that we have boys and girls who know nothing about the Bible.

Some of them know that it is a book, and that is all. My first spring here I had two child evangelism classes in the Kailua area. After teaching the Easter story, I asked in one of the classes if there was anyone who had never heard this Easter story before. To my surprise there were five children who had never heard the story of how Jesus died for our sins, arose the third day, and is now living and wants to be our Saviour. What



Mrs. Wagner

a joy it was to see eight children let Jesus into their hearts that day!

In this land of bountiful sunshine there is much spiritual darkness. To many even among those who call themselves Christian the Bible is a closed book. They know only what they are told about the Bible.

Last year in the class that I taught here in my home, I had children of many religions. While talking of the Bible and teaching them that it was God's Holy Word, one little

boy raised his hand to say this: "My Mother said that the Bible is God's love letter to us." I answered: "Your Mother is exactly right, that is just what it is." The very next week I was showing this same boy how to find the memory verse in the Bible. I told him to look it up in his Bible when he got home. To my surprise he answered that he did not have a Bible in his home. His religion forbids him to read the Bible. I said: "Your Mother says that the Bible is God's love letter to us, and she does not even have one."

How sad that in this nation of ours, some are forbidden to read the Bible. I am so thankful that I can read my own "love letter," and know it was meant for me. It is a privilege that we take for granted.

How about you, Sisterhood girls, are you reading your love letter each day? Are you in love with the Author? Do you claim the precious promises in it as your own? As I think of His great love for me, my heart sings out with the songwriter: "How can I do less than give Him my best, after all He's done for me."

As we live from day to day, we must remember that others are watching us. As a child of God you are the Bible the world is reading. I think of the words to a song that my brother wrote some years ago. He called it "The Living Bible."

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*First in a series of*

*three by Miss Ava Schnittjer,*

*Dean of Women, Grace College*

## "Behold, I Set Before You an Open Door"

The Union Station in Chicago has a long row of gates to different trains, enough to baffle one who hasn't traveled much. On the few occasions when I have been there, I've painstakingly checked the gate numbers, scrutinized the schedule posted high for all to see, and then listened carefully as train, gate number, and departure time were called. When all three agreed, I felt I could safely proceed through the gate and board the waiting train.

Union Station experiences confront many young people just now;

and the array of doors is enough to confuse one who has never passed this way before and send him to an experienced traveler for advice.

Check your ticket first. If your destination is "to the glory of God," that immediately eliminates some doors. A careful scrutiny of the Master's plan will give you travel instructions and guidance concerning departures, delays, differences, and destinations. Then when that inner witness sends out the call of faith, you can proceed.

A number of people are lined up

in front of the state university gate. You can reach your destination this way, but I've heard that some of the Christian young people who choose this miss a connection and are side-tracked on the way to their goal.

Immediate job and salary gate has opened to a number of travelers, too. It has attractions it must be admitted, and it may be right for some, not quite so rigorous, but it has often seemed more difficult to reach the goal by this route.

Another gate opens just beyond. The group waiting before this gate is impressive: clear-eyed, earnest. You know, you can just tell that they will have a marvelous trip, and there is something about them that makes you think they will arrive. There's the call: Grace College—a Christian education—improved route for the young person whose goal is the glory of God.

There are many people in this world who do not have a Bible

And millions more I know, who never even read it.

The only way they have to know of Him of whom 'tis written,

Is as they see lived every day the truth that God has given.

Chorus

So, Christian friend be true to God, and to your dear old Bible

Remember that some soul today may come to trust His promise

Because God's Spirit uses you to shed His light from heaven.

You may talk about your sermons, those given from the pulpit.

The Word of God is given there for those who'll only hear it.

But many are too busy now—the cares of life possess them,

They cannot hear they only see the Bible as we live it.

By W. A. Ringler

And so, Sisterhood girls, this would be our plea to you. "Christian friend be true to God and to your dear old Bible."

As you think of Hawaii, remember to pray for the girls here. Most of them do not have the Christian heritage you have. Many of them need to be convinced that the Bible is God's Word. They must be shown God's love by us who know Him.

Pray for your missionaries who are working here in this land. Satan would discourage us if he could. Hold us up with your prayers. In doing so you, too, will have a part in winning the lost here to the Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### SMM National Conference

Calling all SMM girls to the National SMM Conference, August 12-18, Winona Lake, Indiana. Come and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of SMM.

#### —Present—

All SMM groups: College, Senior, Middler, Junior, Little Sisters will be expected.

#### —Past—

All WMC women who were once SMM girls. This is your special invitation to attend this happy experience at conference.

(Note: Watch for further announcements.)

### Suggested Program for May

#### Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Solitude"

Junior—Mrs. Albert W. Balzer

Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker

Senior—Mrs. Donald E. Cale

Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:6

#### Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Hawaii"

Mrs. Earl Wagner

Emblem:

Bible

## Reporting!

**DES MOINES, IOWA**—The Junior-Middler girls planned a Halloween party inviting the BYF, Boys Brigade, and Sunday school. Seventy-eight were there. They gave prizes, had games, films, and refreshments. At Thanksgiving a seventeen-pound turkey was given to a family of the church that had been in an accident. Later at a Christmas party the girls wrapped gifts of jeans and shoes for a needy family. The girls had also used trading stamps to provide personal gifts for them and donated food. The gifts were given when the group visited the family, singing carols, and reading together from the Bible.

**LIMESTONE, TENNESSEE** — The SMM of the Vernon Brethren Church had an all-day meeting. In the forenoon the group had their regular devotional meeting. Then, a covered dish meal was served at noon. Next the older group made beanies for the Little Sisters while the Middlers made surgery wrappers. The Juniors cut dental bibs while the Little Sisters learned to embroidery. There were fifteen present.

The Little Sisters gave gifts for the missionary chest at Christmas.

**BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN**—A total of eighteen girls have met the membership requirements for either the Little Sisters, the Junior, or the Middler group after a period of discontinuance. In December the Middler girls went Christmas caroling after their SMM devotional meeting, and invited the other groups. At the December meeting they presented the pastor's family with a nice box of canned goods. The Little Sisters are busy cutting out their pictures and learning about some of the missionaries.

**PLEASANT GROVE, IOWA**—In March the Senior girls prepared a dinner. They worked in pairs and served the particular item they had prepared. The menu: orange cup appetizers, baked ham with pine-

apple rings, baked potatoes, creamed peas, Heavenly Hash, hot rolls, and cherry or apple pie. Proper table setting was discussed. Two girls served as host and hostess. After everything was cleaned up, the girls worked on beanies to be sent to Africa. They had a bowling party in November, and at Christmas they held a short service at one of the local nursing homes. The girls are writing essays on Brethren doctrine to be displayed at the public service in April.

**LISTIE, PENNSYLVANIA**—The Junior-Senior girls sponsored a Thanksgiving service with each girl participating. At Christmas they had a sing and pizza party, and fixed a sunshine box for a lady of the church. They entertained the Reading Church SMM at the February meeting. The girls have completed their beanies and surgical wrappers.

The Junior sent an offering for the support of a Navajo girl. Instead of exchanging gifts at Christmas, they sent her a package.

### An Experience

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things in my life. With Paul I want to say, most gladly will I therefore glory in my experiences that the power of Christ may rest upon me. I walk with Him daily, giving thanks and praise for the good things, as well as the testings and trials.

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## Happy 50th Anniversary, SMM 1913-1963



Left to right, seated: Mrs. Ralph Hall, Linda Moore, Mrs. T. R. Henning. Standing: Nancy McMunn, Rosalie Ash, Dee Anna Caldwell, Paulette Macon, Joyce Ashman. Mrs. Thomas Inman was not present.

During mid-winter board meetings the national officers celebrated the 50th anniversary of SMM with this cake of gold and white. This is just a small beginning of the celebration which will take place this year at your national conference.

### Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the Wagner's of Hawaii that the Holy Spirit will guide in each phase of their work.
2. Ask God to teach each of you how to pray more effectively, and teach you to pray more often.
3. Pray for each girl of your group that she will use her time wisely in order to finish her goals this year.
4. Pray for the other youth organizations of your church by name, and for their leaders that they will look to Jesus for guidance.

### Additions and Corrections

Get your SMM group in the news. Items from the Northern Atlantic and Northwest districts should be mailed as soon as possible to the national editor.



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**DON BOSCO, ARGENTINA.** Norman Alan is the newest member of the family of Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, Brethren Missionaries to Argentina. He arrived on Mar. 7, 1963, and will be known as "Alan."

**ALBANY, OREG.** Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig, Brethren missionaries from Brazil, were guest speakers at the Grace Brethren Church on Mar. 10. Nelson Hall, pastor.

**HOMERVILLE, OHIO.** The West Homer Brethren Church dedicated their new addition and completely remodeled church building on Mar. 31. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, was the dedication speaker. Robert Holmes, pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The Southern Ohio District spring WMC rally was held at the First Brethren Church, Forrest Jackson, pastor, on Mar. 26. Miss Ava Schnittjer, Dean of Women at Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind., was the guest speaker.

**CANTON, OHIO.** Mrs. Leja Messenger, the former Russian baroness Leja DeTorinoff, spoke at the Grace Brethren Church on Mar. 3. She told of her experiences during the Russian revolution, how she escaped with the help of a Swedish diplomat, and her consequent conversion to the Christian faith. Mrs. Messenger is internationally known in child evangelism work. John Dilling is pastor.

**HARRAH, WASH.** The first annual week-long missionary conference was conducted at the Harrah Brethren Church during Mar. 10-17. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.** Dr. Floyd Taber, medical missionary to Central African Republic, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren

Church on Mar. 21. A surprise conclusion to a recent Sunday-school class progressive dinner included a special program with gifts for Pastor and Mrs. Lyle Marvin and a specially decorated sheet cake.

**GRANDVIEW, WASH.** George Christie, pastor of the First Brethren Church, reports that seven persons were baptized into the membership of the church recently.

**ROANOKE, VA.** Wallace Dalton, youth director at the Washington Heights Brethren Church, has accepted the call to become a full-time staff member with the Christian Service Brigade.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Russell Isner, Brethren Boys' Club director at the Grace Brethren Church, reports good progress in their boys' club activities. The club has reached and ministered to over one hundred boys since its



Dayton Grace Boy's Club

inception in April 1961. An average of twenty-five boys attended the boys' club meeting during 1962. The boys' club projects have included the purchasing of a filing cabinet, an office chair, and a \$300 mimeograph machine for the church. Everett Caes is pastor.

**CHEYENNE, WYO.** Dale C. Hostettler, assoc. pastor of the First Brethren Church, was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Air National Guard on Feb. 1.

**LANCASTER, PA.** The Grace Brethren Church, William Tweeddale, pastor, reports new record attendances of 174 in Sunday school and 175 in the evening service on Mar. 10.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev.

and Mrs. Edward Mensinger, 7790 W. 61st Ave., Apt. 8, Arvada, Colo. Rev. and Mrs. James Dixon, Jr., 5920 John Adams Dr., Camp Springs, Md. Rev. and Mrs. J. C. McKillen, 1499 Silverbell Ave., Box 303-P, Tucson, Ariz. Rev. and Mrs. Ward Tressler phone number changed to 372-1127.

**GOSHEN, IND.** R. Paul Miller, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports that the Mar. 10 worship service was tremendously charged with the Spirit of God, which resulted in thirteen decisions. Two families were united in Christ, and other families made decisions to establish family altars.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The Indiana District overnight youth rally was held at the Winona Lake Brethren Church during Apr. 5-6. Charles Ashman, Jr., was host pastor and master of ceremonies.

**HOPEWELL, PA.** The Grace Brethren Church, Sheldon Snyder, pastor, conducted an effective revival crusade with Evangelist Carlo Pietropaulo during Mar. 3-10. More than 1,000 pieces of gospel literature and tracts were distributed, and over 500 homes were contacted. A number of decisions for Christ were recorded, and fifteen persons dedicated themselves to a more effective service in the local church. The Sunday school has increased thirty-five as a result of the intensive revival visitation program.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The 1963 Northern Ohio district conference will be held at First Brethren Church during Apr. 25-26. Ken Ashman is host pastor.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

William Tweeddale, Lancaster, Pa.

Carl Sundin, Bell, Calif.

Kenneth E. Russell, Berne, Ind.

Randall Poyner, Johnstown, Pa.

Glenn O'Neal, Anaheim, Calif.

H. W. Nowag, Johnstown, Pa.



BELLFLOWER, CALIF. Floyd Taber, Brethren medical missionary to Central African Republic, was guest speaker on Mar. 3 at First Brethren Church, Raymond Thompson, pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND. The 1963 Annual Indiana district conference will be held at the Ireland Road Brethren Church during Apr. 25-27, Gene Witzky, pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. Dr. O. E. Phillips, president of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia, Pa., conducted a four-day Bible conference at the First Brethren Church Mar. 3-6. Paul E. Dick, pastor.

FALLBROOK, CALIF. Leo Polman, stewardship counselor and director of the Brethren Financial Planning Service, will be conducting stewardship conferences in the following places: North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, Apr. 7-10; Winona Lake Brethren Church and Grace Seminary, Apr. 16-21; Northern Ohio District Conference and First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, Apr. 24-28; and Mid-Atlantic District Conference, Hagerstown, Md., May 2-3.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Dr. Ralph Stoll, pastor of the Calvary Independent Church of Altoona, Pa., was the prophetic conference speaker at Grace Brethren Church, Warren Tamkin, pastor, during Mar. 22-24.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Lee Crist assumed pastoral duties at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 14. The congregation sponsored a food show-er and a fellowship dinner to welcome the pastor and his family.

HARTFORD, CONN. S. Pierre Nambozouina, Brethren pastor from the Central African Republic, addressed the congregation of the Bethel Baptist Church (General Conference) at a service in his honor in March. As a love gift, a wrist watch was presented to him. Pastor Nambozouina left for California where he spoke at Brethren churches and day schools in connection with the annual mission appeal. He is expected in the Midwest as he continues his tour in May and June. (Requests and inquiries should be

directed to the Winona Lake office of the foreign board). Charles Taber, Brethren missionary to Africa on extended furlough, has been ministering to the Bethel Baptist congregation here in the absence of a resident pastor.

TROTWOOD, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Larry Gegner announce the arrival of a daughter, Karlen Sue, born on Mar. 18. Brother Gegner is pastor of the Trotwood Grace Brethren Church.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The film "Venture for Victory" was shown by Chet Kammerer, Grace College basketball star, at the Woodville Grace Brethren Church on Mar. 24. M. L. Myers, pastor.

VANDALIA, OHIO. The Vandalia Grace Brethren Church, Sherwood Durkee, pastor, conducted groundbreaking ceremonies on Mar. 24 for a proposed new church building. There were 136 persons in attendance. The mayor of Vandalia was present for the ceremonies. He brought an official word of welcome and voiced strong favor toward the erection of the new Brethren church. Complete details concerning the groundbreaking services will appear in the next issue of the *Missionary Herald*. Rev. R. E. Grant, editor and business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, was the guest speaker. He also spoke at the morning service, and at the Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio, in the evening.

DAYTON, OHIO. The First Brethren Church, Forrest Jackson, pastor, sponsored an eight-day missionary conference during Mar. 31-Apr. 7. The missionary personnel were: Dr. Orville Jobson, Brethren missionary conference speaker; Clyde Landrum, asst. general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society; Miss Ruth Snyder, Brethren missionary on furlough from Africa; and J. Paul Dowdy, Brethren missionary on furlough from Argentina. Lester Pifer, asst. field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the Bible speaker.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Dr. Henrietta C. Mears, nationally known

founder and editor-in-chief of Gospel Light Publications, was loosed away upward on Mar. 20. Funeral services were conducted at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church on Mar. 23. Miss Mears was 72 years of age.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Louise Ann Beckley and Richard Donald Smith, Mar. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FIKE, Mrs. Noah (Martha), 88, a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted to glory on Mar. 5. A few years ago her husband preceded her to glory. John M. Aeby, pastor

WEST, William S., 89, went into the presence of His Lord on Mar. 8. He was a long-time member of the Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

William Snell, pastor

MILLER, Mrs. Katie, 98, the oldest member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., went to be with the Lord on Mar. 12. She was a faithful member of the church for many, many years.

James Sweeton, pastor

JENSEN, Mr. Fred, 67, member of the Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., went to be with the Lord Mar. 11 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Lillie and son, Stanley, who is attending Grace College.

Robert Hill, pastor

WEITZEL, Mrs. Josephine, faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., went to be with her Lord on Mar. 4. She was also a member of the Rose Circle Sunday-school class.

John Terrell, pastor

BROWN, Mrs. Helen, 26, a faithful member and teacher in the Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa., went to be with her Lord on Feb. 28. She leaves three small children.

Sheldon Snyder, pastor



# Why Doesn't The Brethren Church Observe Lent?

By Rev. Emlyn H. Jones

*Pastor, Grace Brethren Church  
San Bernardino, California*

On Fat Tuesday of each year New Orleans is at a point of excitement that far exceeds the excitement of any other period of the calendar year. Fat Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the day that Lent begins. Fat Tuesday witnesses the most colossal social event and the gaudiest religious spectacle in the entire State of Louisiana. Its Mardi Gras Day, a day of celebration, is the culmination of two entire weeks of merrymaking and a full year of planning! On the widest thoroughfare in the world, Canal Street, masked walkers, Dixieland bands, gayly decorated twenty-foot floats with the rhythmic tunes of marching bands, constitute one of the most famous parades in continental United States. The celebration continues far into the night. Alcohol flows like water, sin and debauchery are everywhere. Hotel proprietors secure extra insurance to care for the damage that drunken parties will inflict upon their property. The police force is doubled and tripled. Mothers will not allow their daughters to be out that night for fear of them being insulted and assaulted.

On the next day, Ash Wednesday, the people flood to the church and form long lines outside the confessional boxes to seek divine forgiveness. Such sinful activities are made

even more sinful in the sight of God when one recognizes that they are sponsored by an established American church.

To many Americans in general and to Brethren in particular, Mardi Gras and Lent constitute an embarrassment. But along with the embarrassment comes a very real challenge to the church.

## **Embarrassment**

The beginnings of Lent offer an embarrassment to the body of Christ. The word "Lent" has come to mean new spiritual life beginning within the soul. Forty days, excluding Sundays, are set aside for such new beginnings. These forty days precede Easter, and each of the Sundays represent a fast day, and have particular reference to penitence, gratitude, forgiveness, and the passion of our Lord.

A forty-day period of worship after a debauched celebration has its origins in heathendom. Pagan forty-day fasts, this writer believes, to be Satan's subtle imitation of several forty-day periods seen in connection with God's dealings with men. Forty days and nights it rained upon the earth. Forty days Moses was in Mount Sinai with God. Forty days our Lord was tempted of Satan. Satan has wisely confused the unregenerate mind with these and many other subtle imitations.

In the church, Lent was established in 519 by Hormisdas, Bishop of Rome. He decreed that Lent should be observed. It was an edict from the papal chair.

In all fairness it must be pointed out that Lent had a noble motive with its inception—to bring men closer to God. But many have a sense of indignation, even to the pitch of revolt, concerning what the church has done with Lent in the past.

But the most embarrassment comes from the fact that Lent is not to be found anywhere in the Word of God. It's a development of church tradition and not a command from God. To practice something that is not found in the Word of God, God's only written revelation to men, is to insult the integrity of God and to bring condemnation upon the spiritual honesty of men. The believer

ought to do everything he is commanded to do and nothing he is not commanded to do! What then shall we do with Lent?

## **The Challenge of Lent**

Not long ago a young secretary came to her minister to complain that she was looked down upon by the other members of the office crew because she was the only one in the entire office that did not wear the smudge of ashes on her forehead on Ash Wednesday. This girl lives a very devout life, she has a daily time with the Lord, in His Word and in prayer, her life is disciplined, she sings in the choir and tithes, but she is being singled out during Lent as apparently the only non-Christian on the staff. What should her minister do, turn her to the Scripture or put on a supply of ashes? Should he do both or neither?

The challenge of Lent is to point out with vigor the Scripture; to do all in our power to Biblically educate while at the same time to point out that society, when it comes to spiritual things, is usually wrong.

Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. Because the crowd does something, does not make it right or approved of God. Only those directions found within the Old Book of Books are obligatory upon the believer.

Why doesn't The Brethren Church celebrate Lent?

Because of its extra-Biblical, heathen origin. Simply because the heathen cultures had a time of fasting, preceded by several days of fleshly indulgences, is no reason why it should in any sense be amalgamated into the Christian faith.

Because it brings material things into the Christian religion. Lent is the best time of the year to sell religious trinkets to the "faithful." The church will ask its members to give up some worldly pleasure for a short period and give the money they would have spent on the indulgence to the work of the Lord. This is work, and works never save. Rather, they become dangerous substitutes for the work of the Holy Spirit.

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# Praise and Prayer

**BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—MONDAY, APRIL 15**

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

**PRAISE** God for the vision of the Tijuana church in establishing a testimony for the Lord at Ensenada about fifty miles south into Mexico.

**PRAY** that the Lord will lead Miss Barbara Hulse in the planning of a Christian day school at Capanema, Brazil.

**PRAISE** the Lord that the Rio Tercero church now has an Argentine pastor; pray for Angel Diaz and his wife, Sara, as they serve the Lord there.

**PRAY** for the Tom Juliens as they continue their visitation in the churches presenting the challenge of France, and especially the proposed Bible Center.

**PRAISE** God for His protection of our missionaries in Africa as they need to do so much traveling on the field.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

**PRAY** that God will anoint the College Summer Team of evangelists as they work in the Northern Ohio churches.

**PRAY** for Ron Thompson as he holds special Easter Services for the Englewood (Ohio) congregation.

**PRAY** for Allen Schlatter as he goes to Barberton, Ohio, for Easter meetings.

**PRAY** that the offering for evangelism taken on February 24 shall enable us to increase the number of evangelists swiftly while we still have time.

**PRAY** for Bob Collitt as he returns to the East for a steady series of campaigns through the summer.

**PRAY** for a burden for lost souls right here in America, and that it shall become a passion in the heart of every pastor and every member of every Brethren church.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

**PRAY** for the students as they resume classes after the Easter Va-

cation that they may determine to finish the school year successfully.

**PRAY** that the progress on the much needed girl's dormitory and general dining hall may be hastened so that they may be used at the beginning of the fall semester.

**PRAY** for the deepening of the spiritual life on the campus of Grace Schools.

**PRAY** for the department of public relations that it may make good contacts with prospective students for our schools.

**PRAISE** God for the new missionary emphasis that is being experienced in the school this semester.

## HOME MISSIONS

**PRAISE** God for the reports of families being added to our home-mission churches, and continue in prayer for the overall goal of 343 families.

**PRAY** for a number of new groups who had to be refused help by the home missions board in order to bring the budget into balance.

**PRAY** for the planning of a successful VBS in every home-mission church.

**PRAY** for the Kentucky Missions at Clayhole and Dryhill, Kentucky.

## LAYMEN

**PRAY** for a revival among our laymen, for a zeal in soul-winning.

**PRAY** for the students who receive Laymen Scholarships.

**PRAY** for an increased spirit of giving to the National Projects.

**PRAY** for the many district Laymen's organizations.

## SMM

**PRAY** that the girls and patronesses may receive a real blessing from the spring rallies.

**PRAY** that SMM may be presented in the churches during the month of April.

**PRAY** for the National Birthday Offering taken in April.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**PRAY** that we might see a doubling in this decade in our Sunday schools.

**PRAY** that the Loyalty Campaign might be a means of causing our people to be more faithful to the service of our churches.

**PRAY** for our general superintendents in their responsibilities of oversight in our Sunday schools.

**PRAY** that teachers across the Nation will teach their pupils as individuals and not as a group.

**PRAY** that the Lord might continue to use our Brethren Sunday schools to help the National Sunday School Board meet its financial needs.

## YOUTH

**PRAISE** the Lord for two successful youth workshops this past month. Continue to pray for this part of our ministry.

**PRAISE** the Lord for supplying an adequate amount of summer missionaries for our Brethren Navajo Mission. Pray for these college young people that they may be effective in their service for the Lord.

**PRAY** for our champion Bible quiz team as they go to our mission field in Puerto Rico. Pray for safety to and from the field, and for a rich experience in missionary life while they are there.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

**PRAISE** the Lord for the many good comments from our subscribers concerning the new color biweekly *Missionary Herald*.

**PRAY** that our Heavenly Father will give His special guidance and blessing in the preparation of another special prophecy issue of the *Missionary Herald* that will be dated June 1.

**PRAY** that the Holy Spirit will be permitted full and absolute control over every phase of the Herald Company's management and ministry.



# HE, BEARING HIS CROSS

(John 19:17)

An American historian could well describe the day in which Lincoln was shot as the "Darkest Day in American History." But as dark as that day was, as desperate as the circumstances were which followed that assassination, the gloom of that eventful day is as the brilliance of the noonday sun when compared to the hours portrayed in our text:

"And they took Jesus, and led him away. And *he bearing his cross* went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him" (John 19:16-18).

*He, bearing His cross*—No artist has ever captured on canvas the misery and dejection pictured here; no author has ever penned the infinite pathos of that picture: He, bearing His cross.

The early morning sun stared down upon the bleak walls of Jerusalem, burning out the lurking chill of the predawn hours, and silhouetting the grim Hall of Justice against the cobblestones of the marketplace. An ominous spirit filled the air. It gripped the few Jews who stood about in knotted groups. Whispers of sinister plans filled their conversations. One whispered of a



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Senior, Grace  
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heated, nightlong session of the Sanhedrin; another of strange commotions during the night hours. Behind closed doors, the citizens of Jerusalem quietly stirred themselves to the preparations for the Passover feast—each one gripped by a strange premonition of fear.

The cock had scarcely signaled the fourth watch when the huge iron gates of the Roman Hall of Justice swung open and a mob burst out into the marketplace. They shook their fists and yelled at a central figure. From the side of the building, a group of Roman soldiers hastened toward this figure and shoved aside the angry crowd. They threw a large roughly-hewn cross upon His shoulder. The man slumped beneath its sudden weight and dropped to His knees—His face rent with agony. The crowd jeered and laughed. The soldiers roared. The one who was closest to the Man muttered something under his breath about King of the Jews, and aimed a vicious kick at the head of the bowed man. Missing his blow, he cursed violently and uncoiled a black whip from his belt. The whip hissed out across the fallen man, tore away the robe from the man's back, and exposed a crimson

ribbon of torn flesh and matted blood. The crowd cheered wildly. Again the huge guard slashed out with the whip. The Man's body trembled beneath the blow. Wearily He struggled to His feet. A pool of fresh blood stained the cobblestone where His knee had briefly rested. Slowly He moved forward through the city streets; every step accented by the sting of the whip across His bare, bloody shoulders. The crowd spit upon Him and threw stones at Him. Soon the streets were swelling with jeering throngs; goaded by the roar of their shouting; the brutal soldiers intensified their cruel tormenting of the "cross-bearer." Silent, rejected, alone He swayed pitifully beneath the crushing burden of His cross and shuffled toward the towering city gates. Who was this Man who stumbled silently ahead, blinded by the din of the crowd and the surges of pain that shook His exhausted body?

This is no thief who marches stoically to the just reward for his vile deeds. This is no murderer who faces the death penalty for his brutal crimes. The Man who struggles forward beneath this cross is innocent of any violence. He once challenged His most deadly enemies—"Who among you convinceth me of sin?"—and they were forced one by one to back away in silence.

This is Jesus, the carpenter's son of Nazareth. In His youth He had often carried large wooden beams

as He labored with His father in His carpentry shop. In later years, He had traveled throughout the country preaching and healing the sick. Multitudes had listened to His teachings; they had eaten His bread; they had acclaimed Him as their king. Now all these were gone. He bears His cross alone.

He had gathered a small group of men about Him. For three years He had lived with them, provided their needs, taught them, and guided them so that they might know His teaching and carry on His ministry. They too had fled. He bears His cross alone.

Never had this Man led an insurrection against the Roman government. He and His followers had lived in peace and obedience to the laws of the civil authorities. Rome had no occasion to heap upon this One of the vilest of punishments. Yet Roman justice is ignored. Mercy is forsaken. The world rejects this One; Rome demands His life! He bears His cross alone.

It is no wonder that Paul describes this scene with the words: "Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, *even the death of the cross.*" Isaiah, the holy seer, foreseeing this hour, described this cross-bearer when he wrote: "He is despised and rejected of men;

a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not . . . yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted" (Isa. 53:3-4).

He *bear*eth His cross alone. He bears *HIS* cross!

Is this His cross which He carries to the place of His crucifixion? No, surely not! This is the spotless Son of God. He was perfect man; no mar or imperfection blemishes His character. It is not for His guilt that He died. It is your cross He bears—your cross and mine. The Prophet Isaiah also foresaw this and he wrote: "Surely he hath borne *our* griefs, and carried *our* sorrows . . . but he was wounded for *our* transgressions, he was bruised for *our* iniquities: the chastisement of *our* peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:4-5).

The Apostle Paul wrote that "He was made *sin* for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Peter also wrote that Jesus suffered: "the just for the unjust." Jesus died in *our* place. We do not have to die! The Greatest Message to us today is that "God was, in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself; not imputing to men their trespasses. . . ."

He, *bearing His cross*? No; He, bearing *our* cross, went forth to die!

WHY . . .

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Because of Colossians 2:16: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy-day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days."

Because of Romans 14:17: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Because the Christian is expected to spend more than forty days each year in worship of God. He is constantly expected to put God first, to be separate from the world, to give up the ways of sin, and live righteously unto God.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Fremont, Ohio	Apr. 3-14 . . . . .	Thomas Hammers	Bob Collitt
Dayton, Ohio	Apr. 7-10 . . . . .	Nate Casement	Bob Armstrong
Englewood, Ohio	Apr. 7-14 . . . . .	Lon Karns . . . . .	R. Thompson
Virginia Beach, Va. . . . .	Apr. 7-14 . . . . .	A. H. Arrington	Herman Hoyt
Hagerstown, Md.	Apr. 7-14 . . . . .	Jack Peters . . . . .	G. Lingenfelter
New Troy, Mich.	Apr. 10-14 . . . . .	Gerald Kelley . . . . .	J. Whitcomb
Trotwood, Ohio	Apr. 7-14 . . . . .	Larry Gegner . . . . .	Nathan Meyer
Mansfield, Ohio	Apr. 11-14 . . . . .	M. L. Myers . . . . .	Eugene Alger
Middlebranch, Ohio . . . . .	Apr. 14-21 . . . . .	Wesley Haller . . . . .	G. Lingenfelter
Kittanning, Pa.	Apr. 15-28 . . . . .	Fred Wm. Walter	Clair Gartland
Lansing, Mich.	Apr. 17-26 . . . . .	J. Ward Tressler	John Aeby
Sidney, Ind.	Apr. 17-21 . . . . .	A. Rollin Sandy	Herman Hoyt
Westernport, Md.	Apr. 21-28 . . . . .	James Hoffmeyer	W. Tweeddale
Washington, Pa.	Apr. 22-May 5 . . . . .	Shimer Darr . . . . .	Edward Lewis
Kittanning, Pa.	Apr. 28-May 10 . . . . .	W. H. Schaffer	Dean Fetterhoff
San Jose, Calif.	Apr. 29-May 5 . . . . .	Lyle Marvin . . . . .	Curt Emmons



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Youth Director

# Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## VISITATION WORKS FOR YOUTH!

Are your young people actively engaged in a program of reaching other young people for Christ and the church? Carol Roderick, a junior at Northside High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and also a member of the Grace Brethren Church, writes this article about what visitation can mean to your young people.

"Knock! Knock! Knock! 'Hello, my name is—' And so continues the introduction we young people give out every Monday evening when we gather together at 6:45 for visitation. We believe that visitation is not only the time to introduce our friends and classmates to our church and our youth group, but also to introduce them to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In Matthew 28:19 and 20 we are given the Great Commission to go out into all the world and tell others about our wonderful Lord. According to Acts 1:8 though, our work is to begin at home, in our own Jerusalem, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Later in life as the Lord directs, we can then branch out in Judaea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, or maybe He'd even have us stay in Jerusalem.

"Now you might be saying, 'Fine, it's good for teen-agers to get out and get a little practice.' Well, please let me say this, it isn't 'just practice.' It's what we sincerely believe in, and we do it as the Lord directs us. We have seen many miraculous results in the past few months we've had this program. Last summer we were averaging four to five young people who would come out every Sunday night and would attempt to put on a program. We



Carol Roderick

prayed quite a bit about increasing our BYF. And praise God! He answered our prayers! Some twenty teen-agers are now gathering together each Sunday evening to enjoy God's precious Word with one another.

"Even though we thank and give Him all the glory and honor, are we satisfied? No! Paul tells us to forget those things which are behind us, and reach forth unto those things which are before us. He goes on to tell us to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. As we continue to go out each Monday night, it is our prayer that we won't stop with just the twenty or so we have, but we will continue to strive for higher goals with God's help. As soon as we reach those, 'will we be satisfied?' No! There are still others to be won! How about you and your youth groups, Sunday-school classes, church attendance? Are you satisfied with them?"

## THE PROBLEM OF ACTIVITIES

The number 1 reason why young people are dropping out of our churches (according to recent NSSA research project) is "not enough activities." But does this mean that we should now put into the already-over-crowded program of our church a program of activities that will keep our young people busy every night of the week?

We believe that the principle of "learning by doing" is often true in the lives of youth. The church should afford activities to its young people, but they should be the kind of activities that will foster and stimulate Christian maturity. Christian service opportunities should be sought out, and provided for our young people, such as

1. Tract distribution in unique ways.
2. Telephone evangelism.
3. Visitation that is well-organized.
4. Put on a service in home for the aged.
5. Purchase food for the needy, and deliver.
6. Send tapes to missionaries.
7. Conduct jail and mission services.
8. Build tract racks for the church, and cabinets filled with materials used by soul-winners.
9. Set up a youth library in the church.
10. Form a youth gospel team with music and testimonies and hold services in other places. (Street meetings where possible.)
11. Retreats for a weekend at a camp or lodge where leadership training is provided.
12. Plan a whole week of youth emphasis each year.

These and many more opportunities can fill the emptiness in the lives of our young people for the problem of "not enough activities." We should be careful to point out why we do what we do, and make sure that all our youth activities are Christ-centered.

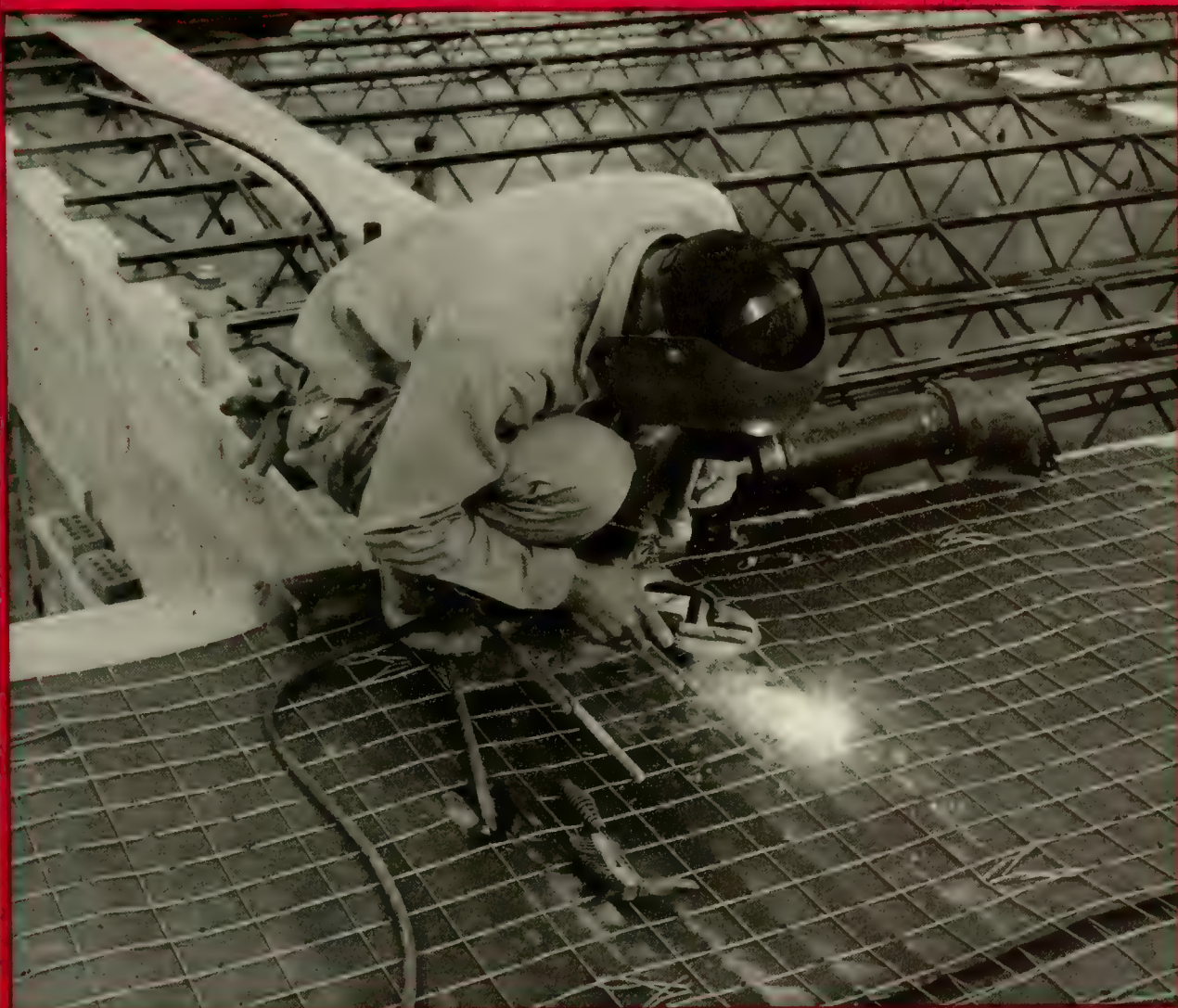


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# EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

U. S. Science has just released facts on one of the most astounding new products of this modern age. The "Miracle Ray" or "laser" light is being hailed as the most important discovery in the long list of inventions for the help of mankind.

"Laser" which rhymes with "razor" is a name applied to the theory of "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation"—a description of how the beam is produced. Dr. Charles H. Townes is considered the father of the laser theory. Dr. Theodore H. Maiman of the Hughes Aircraft Company brought the "ray gun" into reality, a marvelous breakthrough in man's effort to harness light rays.

The laser amplifies light like a loudspeaker strengthens a voice signal. It turns ordinary light from a jumble of incoherent waves, vibrating helter-skelter at different energies, into a coherent beam of waves in uniform step. This is a ray of controlled red light bursting out in a narrow beam of 400 trillion unbroken waves a second. The device, not any larger than a man's hand, will emit a beam no bigger than the eraser on a pencil, but is as bright as a million 100 watt light bulbs.

The laser gun can be built in various sizes, tiny enough for delicate surgery, or for shearing through steel. Others are as big as cannons in the search for the powerful weapons of national defense. On earth it can be used to transmit the microwave relays of telephone and TV communications. Placed in satellites, it could be used for space communications. Its development in the realm of medicine, navigation, illumination, exploration, and as a practical cutting tool make it most intriguing. At any rate, it is slated as a multi-billion dollar industry for the American economy.

What a strange comparison we see here. Scientific minds proclaiming the greatest light ever produced. They have spent years in trying to harness the light emitted from only one of God's planets, the sun. When the great Creator spoke the Word, there was light. Out of the spoken word came the planets, the source of all earthly



light. In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son.

Our Lord declared in the Word (John 8:12) that He was *the light* of the world: "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

In *The Light* of this world, we see perfectly channeled all that God is (Col. 1:19). So perfect is this coherence that Jesus could say: "... he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." Our Lord is then, the fountain source of all light and of life itself. As to His divine beneficence, He is our great Physician, our Illuminator, our Communicator, our Protector, our Navigator and our blessed Saviour from sin.

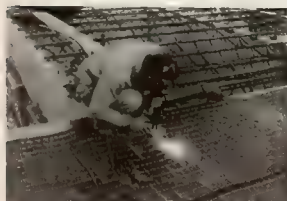
The laser beam is limited as a mere invention of, and controlled by, mortal man. Created for a help to man, it could become his destruction. Our Lord, God's gift to a sinful world, came to be *The Light* that shall never fade, unlimited in power, uncontrolled by man, the eternal light of God's dominion. May God open the eyes of the men of this world to this Light who said, "I am from above: ye are of this world, I am not of this world . . . for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:23-24).

## Foreign Missions Offering Period

For many years, our missionaries have carried *The Light* into darkened hearts in many lands. Hearts have been opened to the Gospel, lives transformed, the indigenous church established. *The Light* is being carried farther and farther.

Your contributions, prayer support, and help is urgently needed to see more missionaries on the fields of harvest, further expansion and the home bases strengthened. Make this 1963 offering the greatest ever.

## COVER PHOTO



Brethren men building Brethren Churches! The Brethren construction crew has started Brethren home mission church number twenty-five at Vandalia, Ohio. Other Brethren building projects have been interspersed during this decade of its existence. Read the following page about this special ministry.

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## Witnessing, Important Ministry of Construction Crew

(H. M. ed. note: The Brethren construction crew members, Don Sellers, superintendent; Ray Sturgill and Bert Jordan, have just completed one of the most extensive projects in the complete remodeling and building of the new Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Virginia, dedicated April 7, 1963. The church was started with the help of home missions but has been self-supporting for a number of years. The following words of testimony came from the building committee chairman, Earl Key, and the other members of the committee.)

For many years I was in the contracting business working with many men on all kinds of jobs, but have never seen a better relationship between workmen and foreman than has existed here during the construction of the Grace Brethren Church.

The crew was here in Covington for a little over a year. I was in contact with them almost daily and have never worked with finer Christian men. Our relationship was most enjoyable in every way.

The quality of their work certainly speaks for itself in the type of building that they built here in Covington, Virginia. We are more than pleased with their workmanship.

I can truthfully state that these men are a credit to the Brethren Fellowship in the field of erecting new churches as testimonies for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I have spoken with many of the firms from whom they purchased materials, and they expressed highest praise for the crew and their business relationships. Many have mentioned to me that they had never experienced dealing with builders, such as the crew. Of course, my answer to them was that they were dedicated men working for the glory of the Lord and not for personal gain.

While this type of ministry is relatively new to many among our own people and others, there is daily evidence that it is a calling of God, rather than of man.

The crew and their wives have been a real blessing to us while here at the Covington church. They assisted in Daily Vacation Bible School, in our Sunday-school program each week, and with the ministry of child evangelism. Their ministry was appreciated during times our pastor was



Left to right: Donald Sellers, superintendent, Ray Sturgill and Bert Jordan of the Brethren Construction Company.

absent, and in assisting with our laymen's work.

They were willing and ready to assist at all times in the Lord's work. Certainly my life has been enriched by knowing and associating with them while erecting a greater testimony here for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

—Earl M. Key, chairman

The members of the Brethren construction crew are dedicated servants of the Lord. They have been a challenge to those of us in the local church. God surely answered prayer when He sent them to Covington.

—Bobby Craghead

The members of the crew are truly dedicated men to the ministry which God has called them. They were very conscientious and gave their fullest cooperation with the building committee of the Covington church. The blessing has been ours.

—Russell Scott

The construction crew members have been a blessing in our city and church. By the grace of God and much prayer, they have built a

church of fine workmanship and very beautiful. My heart has been blessed working and fellowshiping with them.

—Claude M. Loan

I praise the Lord for the Brethren construction crew being available to us when we were ready to build here in Covington.

I feel that we have a far better constructed building for less money than we could have had without them.

Their conscientious desire to please the Lord in all they do has relieved the building committee of any fear that the work was being done in a haphazard way.

—I. B. Hawkins

We are more than satisfied with the work done on our new building by the construction crew. Their Christlike living and everyday witnessing have been an inspiration to all of us here in Covington.

—Carl H. Griffith

We want to thank the Lord for sending the construction crew our way. Their work has been a saving to our church. We have learned to love them in the Lord. May the Lord richly bless them wherever they go.

—James W. McAllister

### MARGATE MOVES EARTH

The Grace Brethren Church, Margate, Florida, moved the first shovel of earth on Sunday, April 14, in preparation for starting a new building program. Rev. Ralph Colburn, pastor of the Fort Lauderdale church, was the special speaker for the event. Pastor, Dean Risser, expects the building to get underway by about May 1.



# REASONS FOR VANDALIA GROUND BREAKING

By Pastor Sherwood Durkee

On March 24, 1963, the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church broke ground for their new building. The first part of the ground-breaking service was held in the Morton junior high school building where the congregation observed the second anniversary of the public meetings on April 14, 1963.

Rev. Richard E. Grant, executive editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald, brought a challenging message to the congregation in answering the question, "Why Are You Breaking Ground?"

## *For a Place of Prayer*

Our "place of prayer" will be constructed in a three-stage program with the first unit being 34' by 70' which will ultimately be the educational unit of the building.

The church property is situated in the eastern section of the city of Vandalia, which is just north of the city of Dayton, Ohio. Vandalia is expanding rapidly with industrial and residential interests. God has given to us a "white" field ready for the harvest.

## *For a Place To Worship*

Ground breaking brought to a close the charter membership of the local congregation. The membership, 42, has bound itself together realizing the great need for a place to worship and invite people to Christ.

Mayor Armstrong, Vandalia, Ohio, commented at the ground-breaking service that he was sure that the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church would have much to offer the community.

It is true that the building will be offered to the community, but along with the building goes the message of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord to a dying world.

## *For Purity of Doctrine*

Several pastors from the Dayton area helped in the service. Rev. William Gray, Covington, Ohio, led in the invocation. Rev. Clair Brickell, Brookville, Ohio, received the offering of the day. Rev. Ralph Hall, architect for the Home Missions Council, read the Scriptures. Rev. Forrest Jackson, Dayton, Ohio, led the congregation in prayer for the establishment of a "lighthouse" for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Russell Ward, Dayton, Ohio, gave the benediction.

Other pastors of the district visited the service along with the members of the various churches to make the day one long to be remembered by the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church.

## *For Tithes and Offerings*

God has blessed this group of believers with "mighty things." The Bible class at the time of its inception took the verse from Jeremiah 33:3 as its guide through the challenging days ahead: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

The local congregation agreed to purchase the building property in September 1962 for the price of \$12,000. It was agreed that there would be no building program until the price of the property was paid.

Below left: The building committee, Mr. Ralph Fleck, Mr. Marion Forrest, Mrs. Edith Friend, Mr. William Reeder, and Mr. Edward Applegate, chairman. Below right: Members of the Vandalia Church with joined hands surrounding the building outline.







Above: The groundbreaking crowd and pastor Durkee, ready to "dig in" with the building committee standing by. Left: Mark Durkee, the pastor's son, imitating his father. Lower left: Rev. Richard Grant, editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald, who was the special speaker.



God has richly blessed, and we now are ready to proceed with the building. Through the use of the Home Missions "Minute-man" letter, the current preconstruction expenses are being met, and the Brethren construction crew will be moving on the scene by the middle of April. Faithful Brethren over the Nation have given their support to this work through the use of the "Minute-man" letter, and for this we praise God.

Rev. Ralph Hall, home mission's architect, designed and drew the plans for the proposed building. The building committee has appreciated Brother Hall's willingness to advise and make the necessary alterations for the building. This service of the Home Missions Council is a tremendous asset to the work of home missions.

The Vandalia congregation is very grateful for the assistance and guidance received from Rev. Lester Pifer. His close association and contact has given the necessary guidance to facilitate the project greatly.

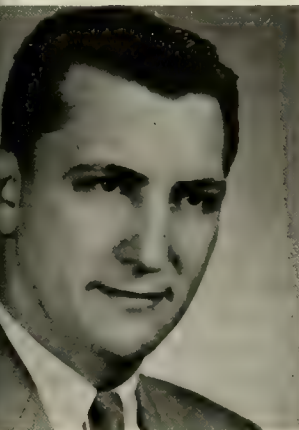
Even though we have tried to be faithful to the task of the organizational work, this congregation is well aware that none of this would be possible without the strong arm of the Lord working in our behalf. "To God Be The Glory, Great Things He Has Done."

#### **For Fulfilling the Great Commission**

The greatest and most important reason for breaking ground in Vandalia, Ohio, for a new church was

to carry out our Lord's Commission to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The starting of the new church here is symbolic of starting at Jerusalem, but a glance back over the pages of recent Brethren history will reveal that from these "Jerusalem" home-mission points the Gospel is being carried to the uttermost parts by faithful foreign missionaries. A number of our missionaries accepted Christ as Saviour, were instructed in the Word, and became burdened for a lost world through a home-mission testimony. In addition a great number of people have accepted Christ in these home-mission churches who are now contributing financially to the total missionary program of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This gives an additional impetus in fulfilling the great commission through giving.

Here will be a place to pray "that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." It will be a place that "whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven"; a place for dedication of life—"yield yourselves unto God." It will be a place to assist in the "Pray-Give-Go" motto of the Foreign Missionary Society, the missionary emphasis at this season.







## Mama, Is That God?

By Sam I. Horney

"Each morning at this time, direct from the Canon Brethren Church, we present for your inspiration 'Chapelttime.' This is Pastor Sam Horney coming into your home once again with some thoughts that will help you through the day"—Thus begins our daily opportunity to challenge some 15 to 20,000 listeners of the Taos valley.

One never knows who is listening to or upon what type of ground the gospel seed is being sown. For a missionary to have the opportunity of giving the Gospel over the air is a real and open door to the Gospel.

We can only measure this outreach of the Gospel by letters received or inquiries made. Statistics show that for one unsolicited letter received there are 1,000 listeners.

One mother relates how her four-year-old inquired, "Mama, is that God?" "No, my child, that is Pastor Horney." "Oh no, it isn't, Mama—just listen to what he is saying—listen to that beautiful music, Mama. It must be God!"

How we wish that the gospel message were received with the same faith as this little child.

Other letters received are as follows:

"Dear Radio Pastor, the message you gave this morning was for *me*. My life has been so tangled and broken. Will you please send me a copy of today's message?"

"Dear Radio Pastor, I was just about ready to do something drastic, and then I remembered that you say: 'If your Pastor can be of any spiritual counsel or help to you, he is always ready to do so. So Pastor, I need your help. Can you come to my home and help me?'"

"Dear Radio Pastor, I have listened to your program and to what you preach, and I need Christ. Will you send me a Bible?"

"Dear Radio KKIT, I want to com-



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The Rev. Sam Horney  
Canon Brethren Church  
Taos, N. M.

Dear Rev. Horney:

May I take this means of expressing my appreciation to you for your kind co-operation during the formative months of our radio venture in Taos. I would also like to pass along a few observations.

First, I might say that since we are less than one year old, no formal survey of the area and listener response has been made. However, informal surveys reveal that we are now completely integrated with the community and dominate the radio picture. As you are aware, no other station puts a primary signal into the area and television reception is limited to those who can afford rather expensive setups.

I want to say that "Chapel Time" is one of our most popular programs. I believe you know we feel that way by the fact that we run it in prime time at a rather modest cost. You probably are more aware of the response to the Sunday morning church services broadcast than I am. However, let me add that through these two programs and your morning devotion time, you have become known fondly as "The Radio Pastor."

We greatly appreciate the business, and, as I mentioned, your always fine cooperation. We look forward to continuing this relationship for some time.

Kindest personal regards,

*Don Boston*

Don Boston, Manager

mend Radio Station KKIT for releasing such a fine gospel program as 'Chapeltime' and 'Morning Devotions' by Pastor Sam Horney. We need more of this type of broadcasting," signed Dr. — (M.D.)

"Dear Radio Pastor, Pray for me to be a better Christian."

Because of the high altitude of Taos (9,000 to 13,000 feet) other radio stations are not received in the area. For this reason the local station has a monopoly on broadcasting in the Taos Valley. We are asking you to continue to support and pray for this ministry. Truly it is an open door to the Gospel. Pray that the door will continue to be open.

**Broadcasting Schedule of Pastor Horney**  
Radio KKIT Taos, New Mexico  
1,000 watts, ABC affiliated—  
Inter-Mountain Network  
Daily 8:05 a.m. following news and weather with Chapeltime.  
Also weekly—Mondays 8:40-8:55 with Morning Devotions  
Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (entire service)



ARVADA'S ATTRACTIVE SIGN

The above sign stands in front of the Grange Hall at Arvada, Colorado, to inform the people of the church home for the Symphony Grace Brethren Church. The name is in keeping with the area known by the same name, "Symphony Homes." Pastor, Edward Mensinger, and wife are now holding child evangelism classes in their home, and in the first three meetings eleven children made decisions for Christ.

Home Mission Field Reports

**CLAYHOLE, KENTUCKY** (Robert Dell, pastor). We have had a lot of water down this way with the basement full to within a couple of inches of the floor. We vacated the house for one night when the water was rising at the rate of one foot per hour. The whole property was covered with water to the middle of the road and for the first time in known history, the water went over the top of the bridge. The electricity was off from Monday night to Thursday night, and we were without telephone service. We resorted to candles and kerosene lights for light and cooked our food on a neighbor's heating stove. Our church was made the disaster center for civil defense clothing distribution.

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA** (A. Harold Arrington, pastor). We baptized six converts last Sunday (Mar. 10). These represented one family of four and two mothers. A young boy accepted Christ as his Saviour in the morning service the same day.

**MARGATE, FLORIDA** (Dean Risser, pastor). The Lord used evangelist, E. J. Daniels to give us some real victories. Nine of our young people gave their lives to the Lord for His use anywhere. Among the converts were a teen-age girl and a couple in their sixties. In response to a message by Dr. William Stewart of Moody Bible Institute, six of our adults stepped forward to give their lives to the Lord.

**GEISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA** (Randall Poyner, pastor). We praise the Lord for the salvation of a complete family—father, mother, eight children and a nephew—who were united in Christ two weeks ago. Recently a teen-age boy led his parents to Christ and three teen-age boys have been saved since January. We now have about sixteen faithful teen-agers.

**GRANDVIEW, WASHINGTON** (George Christie, pastor). We

are seeing decisions almost every week. Twelve new members have just been added to our church—ten by baptism and two by transfer.

**TUCSON, ARIZ.** (J. C. "Bill" McKillen, pastor). We are so glad to be adding new members! I think we will have at least five or six more to baptize on April 21. New families are visiting and church attendance has stayed up.

**LEON, IOWA.** (Glen Welborn, pastor). We have gone through our quarter on a self-supporting basis and the Lord has supplied all our needs. Every fund was in the "black" and in addition we raised \$50 in a special fund to install a new sign for the church.

Missionary Isolated Nineteen Days

Miss Evelyn Fuqua of Dryhill, Kentucky was isolated for nineteen days during the recent floods in that area. A feature article on the front page of the Mar. 25 "The Louisville Times" provided some of the following information and carried a picture of Miss Fuqua.

Over 250 families were stranded in the northern section of Leslie County, for their only link to food, medical care, schools, and neighbors were cut off by State Road 257 being under water.

Boats were the only usable vehicles in the area and rescue squads came in from nearby cities using a surplus military "duck" which runs on either water or land to care for emergencies.

Nurses from the Frontier Nursing Service set up a clinic at the river isolated Grace Brethren Chapel. The biggest business was giving typhoid shots to families brought in by boat.

The County Judge, George Wooten, estimated that fifty vehicles and 200 swinging bridges will have to be replaced. Adding to this the repairing of roads, the total damage will exceed one-half million dollars.



## Boards, Blueprints and Buildings

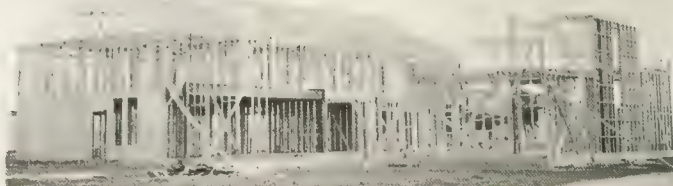
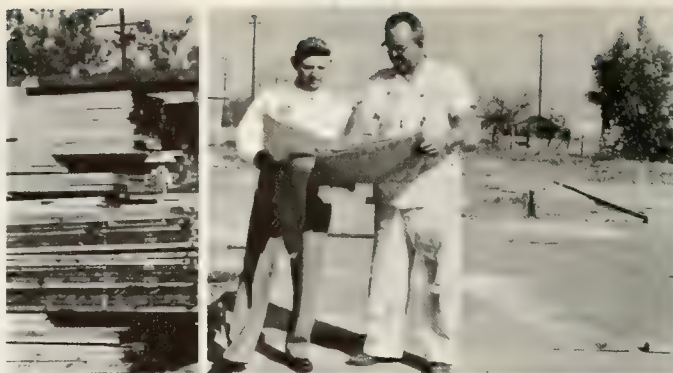
The new Westminster Brethren Church is progressing very nicely. In a letter dated March 24, the pastor reported the roof was on. With the help of the blueprints, the contractor, and the pastor, the large stack of boards shown in one picture has been assembled into what is beginning to look like a church building.

The pastor, in reporting the building progress, stated that on Sunday, March 24, the Sunday-school register showed 158 present with 162 in the morning worship hour. This was an all-time high up to this date.

The Brethren Minute Men have helped to get this building underway by giving the second largest Minute Man offering on record.

### LEGEND

Top: The lumber, the contractor, Florin Hesse, and Pastor Robert Thompson of the Westminster Grace Brethren Church, Westminster, California. Bottom: Church building.



This beautiful church building located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was made possible by investments and savings in the Brethren Investment Foundation. Such funds have also made possible many other similar buildings in recent years.

## WHAT INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS IN THE BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION WILL DO

Funds are greatly needed in the expansion program of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and also in the erection of the Grace College dormitory.

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# ISRAEL CALLS!



## A DAY OF PERSONAL CONTACTS

BY LEANORE M. BUTTON

The street was long and quite narrow. It seemed to stretch endlessly as I began at the "top" to make my way down one side. The last time I had called on this particular street, it had been sparsely populated with apartment houses. Today, however, there were no longer any single homes. The apartment houses were both large and small, some housing twenty-four families; some only six or eight. All were beautiful and expensive; all were filled mainly with Jewish people.

The day was warm and sunny. Though I have heard people call Los Angeles a "cold, unfriendly city," I noticed many people visiting back and forth.

To this day I dislike to make the first call of the morning. So, with the usual reluctance, I approached the first apartment. It happened to be a small one, one side housing a business establishment and the other a single home. Neither side answered my ring, so I left the Mediator in the door handle and went on down the street where the new apartments began.

The first few apartments gave a negative result; that is, no one answered. I could hear no noise inside, so I assumed they were working people. I left the Mediator and went on.

Two elderly ladies were sunning themselves on a low, stucco fence. "Good morning, ladies!" I said. "I have something to make your day more enjoyable."

They looked at me crossly. Neither answered.

"This nice little paper was written by Jewish men who believe that Jesus is the Messiah," I told them, pushing a copy into both of their hands. The Mediator contained also a tract called "Kosher for Passover,

What Does It Mean to You?" In addition to this, we had also inserted our little cards regarding the telephone ministry.

I went on to tell them about sin and how we all needed a proper sacrifice for our sin. At last one said: "We will read it. We will read it."

The conversation was at an end. She was brushing me off. I went on down the street.

The next apartment was a large one. At apartment number six, a young lady answered the door. When she saw my literature she smiled. "Oh, a missionary!" she said.

I offered her a Mediator. "You keep it," she told me. "I was born a Jew and I'll die a Jew."

I tried to explain to her we didn't want her to be anything else. I tried to show her it was important to find out what God wanted of Jewish people and the only place we could find it was in God's Word. She waved me off.

"Give it to someone else," she said. "On me you are wasting your breath."

The next calls were uneventful. Then I came upon two ladies in the patio. I offered them the Mediator, which they refused.

"My husband becomes very aggravated when I bring this literature around," the younger one said. "We have our own religion."

Once again I tried to explain that we could find truth only in God's Word and that it wasn't a case of "one's religion," but what God required of us. Neither, however, would accept the Mediator and were only coldly polite. I waved "goodbye" and was off.

After several unfruitful calls, I came upon two elderly men talking together in a driveway. I offered them a Mediator, but they both re-

fused. I tried to engage them in conversation.

"What do you want with us?" the one in the plaid shirt asked. "I was in Israel before you were born. Israel didn't impress me. The Jews didn't impress me. I'm a Jew. And neither do you impress me."

I told him he might at least take the Mediator and read what some other Jewish men have to say about Jesus as the Messiah of Israel.

As happens many times, the other man took my part. "She's right. Take the little paper. It can't hurt you." With that, he took one for himself.

Then Mr. Plaid Shirt launched off into a discussion of stories from the Talmud. I tried to bring him back to the matter at hand, and he told me the story of a Jewish man who fleeced an Arab out of some money. Again I brought him back to the matter at hand, pointing out that the story showed how men's hearts were *all* wrong and needed God's sacrifice to make them right. The other man kept backing me up, which made Mr. Plaid Shirt unhappy. He kept returning to the Talmud stories until I told him I would have to leave as I hadn't time for stories. He still refused the Mediator.

"You disappoint me," I told him. "Here I spend a lot of time with you, and you won't even read my side of it."

"The Jews are ridiculous with their Kosher laws," he said in parting. "It's all ridiculous. I made up my mind many years ago when I was an officer in the British Army in Israel. I don't need your prayers or your books."

So we parted. It had been another day of personal witnessing. Only God knows the results.



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**BERNE, IND.** A missionary conference was held at the Bethel Brethren Church during Apr. 12-14. The Brethren missionary speakers were: Dr. Orville Jobson, Africa; J. Paul Dowdy, Argentina; and Miss Ruth Snyder, Africa. Kenneth Russell is pastor.

**ROANOKE, VA.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports five rededications and one first-time confession of Christ during the revival meetings at the Washington Heights Brethren Church Mar. 10-17. Wendell Kent, pastor.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** Rev. John Burns, pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, is reported to be improving day by day and that his speech is returning slowly. The Burns family desires to convey their thanks to the many people throughout the brotherhood for their prayers, cards, and notes of encouragement. The family still covets prayers for the full restoration of Brother Burns' speech that was impaired as a result of a serious stroke suffered on Feb. 3.

**NOTICE:** The following districts will hold their annual conferences during the month of May: Mid-Atlantic District Conference at the Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., May 2-3; Southeast District conference at Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va., May 6-8; So. Calif.-Ariz. District conference to be held May 7-11; Northern Atlantic district conference at River Valley Ranch, Millers, Md., May 9-12; and Southern Ohio district conference at Trotwood Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio, May 14-16.

**GOSHEN, IND.** The Grace Brethren Church concluded a suc-

cessful evangelistic campaign on Mar. 31 under the leadership of Evangelist R. E. Rhoades of Mobile, Ala. Forty-five decisions of all kinds were made during the meeting. Three of them were young people who gave their lives for the ministry of the Gospel. The Sunday-school attendance reached 133 on the last Sunday of the revival. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

**CHICO, CALIF.** Arthur Pekarek, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, is starting a Bible class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Card, 46 Cedar Ave., Grass Valley, Calif., every Tuesday night with the intent purpose of establishing a Brethren testimony in that city. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Caylor, who were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary at the Grace Brethren WMC Sweethearts Banquet on Mar. 19.

**NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.** Robert D. Whited was ordained to the Christian ministry on Monday afternoon, Mar. 18, at the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church where he is pastor. The ordination message was delivered by John Aeby, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church,



Rev. Robert D. Whited

Waterloo, Iowa. Other Brethren men who assisted in the service were Pastor Raymond Kettell, Garwin, Iowa; Evangelist Nathan Meyer, Westerville, Ohio; Pastor Glen Welborn, Leon, Iowa; Pastor Carl Key, Davenport, Iowa; and Rev. Lester Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind. A reception was held in the lower auditorium of the church following the ordination service.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** The Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Archie Lynn, pastor, sponsored an Easter week youth field trip to the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School at Cuba, N. Mex., during

Apr. 7-13. The purpose of sending high school young people to the mission field was to encourage full-time service, to provide missionary challenge, and to give practical experience on the mission field.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. W. Wayne Baker, 3040 D Ave., N.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Firl, 4862 N. Ardsley Dr., Temple City, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Ward, 3342 Valerie Dr., Dayton 5, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Mason Cooper, 115 E. Phillip St., Covington, Va.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., was the featured speaker at the Mansfield Christian School on Mar. 5. The Christian school is operated by the Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

**DENVER, COLO.** There were 200 in Brethren Sunday schools in Colorado on Mar. 21. The Grace Brethren Church here and the Symphony Grace Brethren Church in Arvada, Colo., reached a combined goal of 200 in Sunday school (185 at the Denver church and 15 at the Arvada church). F. Thomas Inman and Edward Mensinger are the respective pastors.

**WESTMINSTER, CALIF.** The Westminster Brethren Church, Robert Thompson, pastor, recorded 158 in Sunday school and 162 in the morning worship service on Mar. 24. These are new record attendances for this growing church.

**SINGER HILL, PA.** A groundbreaking service for the proposed Sunday school annex of the Singer

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

M. L. Myers, Mansfield, Ohio  
David Morsey, Whittier, Calif.  
Archie Lynn, Beaumont, Calif.  
Roy E. Kriemes, Danville, Ohio  
Albert Hutton, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Phil Guerena, Mexico



Hill Grace Brethren Church was conducted Mar. 24. The new building will house eight new classrooms, a pastor's study, an all-purpose room, a youth room, nursery, and restrooms. Kenneth Wilt, pastor of the Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa., was the special speaker. There were 150 persons in attendance at the service. Glenn Byers is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Clyde Landrum, asst. general secretary of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Apr. 7. Glenn Crabb, pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, Winona Lake, Ind., will be one of the prophetic speakers at the Congress on Prophecy at Moody Memorial Church during May 16-19.

DAYTON, OHIO. Guest speakers at the North Riverdale Brethren Church during April: Apr. 7, Dr. John Whitcomb, professor of Old Testament at Grace Seminary; Apr. 14, Prof. William Male, dean of Grace College; Apr. 21, Lester Pifer, asst. field secretary for Brethren Home Missions Council; and Apr. 28, Tom Julien, Brethren missionary on furlough from France.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Robert L. Draper, the mid-Eastern director of the Christian Service Brigade, was the guest speaker at Calvary Brethren Church on Mar. 17. Jack Peters is pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. Robert W. Markley, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Barberton, Ohio, will present a preview of the Vacation Bible School program at the Grace Brethren Church on May 5. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

NOTICE: A limited number of bound volumes of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* from three previous years are being offered to our readers. Two 1947, six 1949 volumes, and one 1952 volume are available for the price of \$3 each, postage paid.

LISTIE, PA. The Listie Brethren Church, Max DeArmey interim pastor, will hold a missionary conference

during May 1-4. The Brethren missionary speakers will be: Mrs. Rose Foster, Africa; Miss Ruth Snyder, Africa; Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Africa; Paul Dowdy, Argentina; Dr. Floyd Taber, Africa; and Tom Julien, France.

NEW TROY, MICH. The Michigan district WMC rally will be held at the New Troy Brethren Church on April 25. Mrs. Orville Jobson, missionary wife of our former field superintendent in Central African Republic, will be the guest speaker. Gerald Kelley will be the host pastor.

KETTERING, OHIO. The Calvary Brethren Church conducted revival meetings during Apr. 3-14 with Jim Custer, pastor-elect of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, as evangelist. Henry Barnhart is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Chaplain Lee Jenkins was the Easter sunrise speaker at the First Brethren Church. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Two teachers and a principal are needed to serve in the elementary school of Grace Brethren Church, 2940 West Bethany Home Road, Phoenix 17, Ariz. If interested, contact the school immediately giving educational qualifications and experience.

CALL US COLLECT! Yes, the Brethren Missionary Herald will accept your long distance phone order for Vacation Bible School materials. Ample supplies of both Scripture Press and Gospel Light courses are on hand, and your materials will be shipped the same day you call by special handling mail. This type of mail receives the same preferential handling as first class mail. Just ask your operator for 219-267-7158 and "reverse the charges."

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Frances Eikenberry and Rev. David H. Williams, Apr. 6, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Carol Day and Philip LaFollette, Mar. 17, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CREES, Mrs. Jennie, 86, mother of Robert D. Crees, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., and president of the Brethren Missionary Herald board of trustees, went to be with the Lord in March 1963. H. Don Rough, asst. pastor of First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., conducted the funeral services. Mrs. H. Don Rough is the daughter of Rev. R. D. Crees.

ENGLE, Charles, a member of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif. for the past 51 years, went to be with the Lord on Mar. 13.

Richard DeArmey, pastor

ABBITT, Miss Greta, went to be with the Lord on Mar. 17. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Russell Konves, pastor

MEGENHARDT, Mrs. Anna B., went home to be with the Lord on Mar. 24. She had been a devout and faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind., for many years.

R. L. Rossman, pastor

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Lansing, Mich.	Apr. 24-May 3	J. Ward Tressler	John Aeby
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Apr. 28-May 3	Glenn Crabb	John Whitcomb
Kittanning, Pa.	Apr. 28-May 10	W. H. Schaffer	Dean Fetterhoff
San Jose, Calif.	Apr. 29-May 5	Lyle Marvin	Curt Emmons
Parkersburg, W. Va.	May 1-12	Richard Placeway	Bob Collitt
Fort Wayne, Ind.	May 5-12	Mark Malles	Bill Smith



# Consistent Christian Education

By Richard Sellers

*Pastor, Community Grace Brethren Church  
Warsaw, Indiana*

## **On a Seminary Level**

When I was a boy nine years of age, I made a Christian profession, was baptized, and became a member of the Sidney Brethren Church. But I must confess that for the next several years my Christianity was an unsure thing to me.

It was not until I graduated from high school that I really came to understand salvation. Up to this time I had no real assurance that I was actually saved. Indirectly it was the influence of Grace Theological Seminary that helped me to find real assurance in my Christian life.

I had always believed that salvation was a hit and miss affair. I had believed that salvation was something like a roulette wheel; that is, if I died at the right time, I would go to heaven, and if I died at the wrong time, I would go to hell.

Grace Seminary came to Winona Lake when I was a boy in my early teens. Since my home church at Sidney was only a few miles away, our church was often frequented by visiting seminary students who came to sing, preach, and minister to us in

various ways. It was not long until we called a seminary student to be our pastor.

It was from these men that I learned of Christ's keeping power. The doubts that had filled my mind concerning my salvation now began to vanish as I learned of the Christian's secure position in Christ. Had it not been for Grace Seminary and her students that God providentially sent my way, I very likely today would not definitely know that I was saved and on my way to heaven.

This Christian school and its message not only effected my life, but also left its mark of influence upon our entire church and home. Our church and family seemed to come to an understanding of the Christian life, which was unknown to us heretofore. Therefore my first acquaintance with a Christian school left a very favorable impression upon me.

Throughout the years my father and mother and my entire family have faithfully prayed for Grace Seminary and supported her with our offerings. This Christian school shall always have a very warm place in our hearts.

## **On a College Level**

After I returned from service another experience caused me more than ever to appreciate the influence of a Christian school. After I returned home, I enrolled in a college which proved to be a Christian college in name only. Little did I realize that this church-related college would teach a philosophy contradictory to the Word of God. All around me I saw students who had their faith shaken and destroyed by the liberal teachings of this school. This made me realize that Christian schools were just as necessary on a college level as on a seminary level.

Because of my own college experience, I am especially grateful to a faithful faculty, and to all the Brethren people who have in recent years risen to meet the challenging need of our day, and have made possible Grace College. To have done less would have been to fail both God's Scriptural admonition and our Brethren young people.

## **On a High School Level**

After college graduation I entered public schoolteaching. I had always believed that the public school was to be my mission field. It was my earnest desire to teach the gospel truths that my Lord had commissioned me to teach. During my four years of public schoolteaching, I met fine Christian teachers and administrators. Like myself they were attempting to make their influence count for Jesus Christ.

However, it did not take me long to discover that the public school makes no allowance for the teaching of a real Christian philosophy. To do so is to jeopardize one's position and to place himself in a position of being accused of religious discrimination. Therefore, I discovered that I must be satisfied with limited opportunities in teaching the Christian way of life or seek other outlets.

All of this God used in my life to call me into the ministry. I found in the ministry a great satisfaction in presenting unhampered the Christian philosophy of life. But my heart still ached for those young people in high school who were denied the



unrestricted opportunity of hearing this way of life even as I now was enjoying unrestricted opportunities of teaching it. This all made me aware of the great need for Christian schools on a secondary level.

### ***On an Elementary Level***

Not long after I entered the ministry, my children were of an age when they began to enroll in elementary school. As the public school began to bear its influence upon my children, I detected a real sense of frustration in them. After all had not they been told to obey their teacher? But now the teacher asked them to do those things which their father had told them not to do. Numerous were these situations which arose and threw the children into a state of frustration. The more Christian they were in practice, the more mal-adjusted they became.

This all made me realize the need for a school environment on an elementary level which would cause the most Christian boy or girl to become the best adjusted boy or girl. Only one kind of school could offer such a situation, and this would be a Christian Day School.

### ***On All Levels***

I am quite convinced that the Christian world is in harmony with God's total plan of education only in that it offers a Christian school environment from kindergarten through Seminary. It's impossible to say that Christian education is needed more in one of these areas than another. To be consistent the Christian must lend his support to Christian education on all levels.

I am thankful that at present my children are enrolled in a Christian elementary school. I hope that they will also be able to attend a Christian high school. If they go on to college, by all means I shall encourage them to attend a Christian college, and should they feel the call to go into seminary, I certainly want it to be a thoroughly Christian seminary.

The consistent Christian philosophy of education is "Christian Education on Every Level." Any other emphasis does not lend itself to true Christian logic, or a consistent Scriptural position.

# *the leaven of the herodians*

**By Charles H. Ashman, D.D., West Covina, California**

In Mark 8:15, Christ warned: "Beware . . . of the leaven of Herod." The "Herodians" were a sect of the Jews ruled by worldly customs, standards, and alliances. They lived worldly, selfish lives. They employed worldly political means and schemes—all in the name of religion.

There are over twenty-five different passages of Scripture which warn us of the leaven of worldliness. The world system is stamped as "evil" in each one. Jesus said: "I testify of it [world], that the works thereof are evil." The "world knew him not." It hated Him. Christ declared: "My kingdom is not of this world." He testified: "I have overcome the world." He judged the world and "the prince" of the world. He declared that His disciples were not of the world.

Paul taught that the God of this world blinds our eyes, that its wisdom is foolishness to God. He declared that the fashion of this world is evil and Christians ought *not* to be conformed to it. His experience was that he was "crucified to the world." John stated that "If any men love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." James taught that one of the tests of a genuine Christian is to "keep himself unspotted from the world." He drew a sharp line between the Christian and the world and said there could be no compromise between them. To be a friend of the world would make one an enemy of God. Peter looked on the world as a vile, defiling, polluting cess-pool of corruption. In view of the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we ought to deny "worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12).

The church is in the world, but is not to be of the world. We cannot be isolated, but we ought to be separated from the evil world, "Be ye separate." This is one of the distinctive marks of belonging to "the peculiar people" of the Lord. Our talk and our walk should be different than that of the world.

Today, there is great need to heed the Scriptural warning against the *leaven of worldliness*. Jesus "gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world." We ought to "walk circumspectly" as we journey through this godless world. We breathe the very air of compromise. The god of this world, the Devil, comes to us in the disguise of an "angel of light." He has coined a very attractive, deceiving, beguiling title "ecumenical" to hide his leaven. We are asked to compromise; yes even deny the Biblical doctrines in order to practice co-existence with other deniers. Satan whispers to us: "Give a little, take a little, lower the standards of conduct just one notch, all for the sake of reaching a larger number of people."

**Beware!** Cast out this leaven of worldliness! Remember, "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." Beloved Brethren, let us hold to those Biblical distinctives at any cost. Let us turn a deaf ear to the siren call of the world. May we heed the call of "be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," and "come out from among them, and be ye separate." In finances, the problem of church membership, the incentive of awards, the recreational programs, in *everything* in the church and in our personal living, let us give heed to beware of the leaven of worldliness.



# "A Sniping We Will Go"

By Rev. Robert Whited

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Most everyone is familiar with a character variously called the "grandstand coach," the "armchair strategist," or the "side-lines sage." He is first cousin to the "sidewalk superintendent" and the "U.S.O. commando." In essence, he is the person who likes to snipe from ambush, likes to pretend he knows much, but in reality is usually woefully lacking in experience, short of all the facts, and jealous of the apparent (or real) prestige and/or power of those in authority. He is found in all walks of life: athletics, the office, school, government and, yes, even the church.

Snipers are not new in the church by any means. Moses and Aaron had to contend with them. Time after time we read: "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron." Caleb endured the sting of criticism when he declared concerning the Promised Land: "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (Num. 13:30). Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Job underwent jibes from onlookers. Even the Lord Jesus was libeled by the hateful Scribes and Pharisees.

It should not surprise us then, that we find detractors, snipers, and critics in The Brethren Church

today. Yes; in The Brethren Church! I am new in the ministry. I have much to learn. It doesn't take extraordinary intelligence nor years of experience, however, to recognize evil and unwarranted criticism. And there is, at times, plenty in evidence. While the local pastor is always the butt of snipers, it seems that our national organizations, our schools, their leaders, and the several boards elected to direct these organizations come in for special treatment in this area.

Don't get me wrong. There is a place for legitimate criticism! In fact, constructive criticism is most necessary—and usually enthusiastically welcomed. There should be no place, however, for carnal, vengeful, hateful carping. Legitimacy goes out the back door when any of the following put in their appearance: judging of motives, speaking about a matter when not fully informed, dislike of personalities, and jealousy.

We live in a world where Christians are fast becoming a minute portion of the total population. Latest figures place the percentage of Christians in the world at 29 percent. In 1900 that figure was 36 percent. In the light of these facts we have no business dragging our spiritual feet, hindering progress, harassing instead of helping. We need a united front, not a divided one. We should be praying for our leaders, encouraging them in the Lord, supporting them financially and spiritually in every

way. If we would spend as much time on our knees before God praying for our leaders as we do in "coaching from the sidelines," and in malicious sniping, what a power we could be for the Lord. We elected these leaders, let's stand behind them. Let's at least be honest and above board. If we have a legitimate grievance, let's confront those concerned face to face, instead of carrying on a whispering campaign behind their backs.

There is only one name for the wrong kind of criticism—*sin*. Brethren, if we are guilty, let us confess this sin, determine with God's help to boost instead of battle, and go on to greater things under God.

## My Jesus

I would not trade my Jesus  
For all the worldly fame  
That comes to some who prosper  
But have not heard He came.

I would not sell my precious Lord  
As some folks gladly do  
To gain a worldly dollar,  
For He will see me through.

I would not give my Saviour  
For all the knowledge you can see,  
For it is foolish in His sight—  
God's wisdom leadeth me.

Mrs. Verna E. Polzel  
Grace Brethren Church  
Portland, Oregon

## At the Father's Right Hand

If you'd gaze into heaven this morning,  
You would see Jesus at the Father's right hand.  
The wind and the sea obey His voice—  
He has everything under command.  
He stands daily at your heart's door  
And pleads to let Him come in.  
He died on the cross at Calvary  
Where He shed His blood for our sin.  
The trumpet will sound at His coming,  
Every eye shall witness His flight,  
The grave shall give up the dead,  
And we'll go where it never grows night.  
My Lord has riches in glory,  
He has mansions for you in store.  
And He is my God and my Saviour,  
I'll trust in Him evermore.

—W. E. Dearth  
First Brethren Church  
Sterling, Ohio



# LAYMEN'S PAGE

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHERN LAYMEN

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman



Rev. Charles Helm and the York laymen's group.

**YORK, PENNSYLVANIA.** The Men's Fellowship of the Grace Brethren Church in York meet monthly for a time of spiritual refreshment and Christian fellowship.

The men also sponsor a monthly meeting at the York Union Rescue Mission where the Gospel is preached and hungry souls are fed both physically and spiritually.

As a special project the men are saving pennies for the Scholarship Fund. Each month the pennies that have been accumulated during the previous month are brought in and when the amount is \$10 or more, it is sent to our national treasurer.

At a recent meeting, we had Rev. Charles Helm, our pastor's father-in-law, as speaker. He related how the Lord has guided him during his ninety years on earth.



Lancaster laymen and guests.

**LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.** The laymen recently sponsored a breakfast to promote the Boy's Brigade work. Approximately twenty-five were in attendance. Men from the Johnstown, Pennsylvania Bible Church spoke on the Brigade

activities they sponsor in their church. Dick Hostetter related how the Lord had been using their Boy's group. Also present for the breakfast was Pastor Herman Koontz from York, Pennsylvania.



The North Long Beach men's quartet provided special music for the Southern California-Arizona District Laymen's banquet.



Southern California-Arizona District laymen's committee: Left to right: Clarence Smith, Vernon Stanfield, Oscar Marholz, Don Dyer, and Harold Ball.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT.** The fourth annual banquet of the Southern California-Arizona District was held at



Group at the Southern California-Arizona District banquet.

the Brethren High School, Paramount, California—227 laymen were present. Dr. Chester Padgett spoke on the subject: "God Needs Men."

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The Brethren men, and their guests, recently enjoyed their annual Father-Son

Banquet with 160 present. Arnold Vander Meulen, Pacific Garden Mission, was guest speaker with the Heralds of Grace presenting the musical ministry. There will be a Laymen's rally as a part of the District Conference, April 25-26, with the Wooster laymen as hosts.





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# President Hoyt Speaks

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—GRACE COLLEGE



## *A Long Hard Winter*

All the records for winter have been shattered in the one that is now drawing to a close. From the bleak and frozen northland, cold, snow, sleet, and ice invaded the Central States even before December was well started, and one wave after another followed in the wake of those early storms with ever lowering temperatures. The ice on the lake increased to amazing thickness, and the frost penetrated into the ground as deep as four feet. The intense cold made it almost impossible for men to work outside unprotected from the weather. For lack of more moderate temperatures, where such is required for precision, construction was hindered. Even in these last days of March, the frost still in the ground makes it impossible to undertake any major construction. Thawing, drying, and settling of the ground now may run well into April, delaying work on the dormitory for another three weeks or more.

## *God Orders the Weather*

Here at the school, and we have reason to believe all across the Brotherhood, the saints prayed that God would give moderate winter weather in order to speed construction on the dormitory if it was His will. But He chose to answer our prayers in the negative. Still His will is all-wise and good, we humbly submit to it, and believe that the delay in construction will work together for good for all of us. If the theology we profess to believe is really practical, then certainly it should be at this point in our experience. With some anxiety, during the winter months, we have checked with the architect and contractor as to the progress on the building and the possibility of meeting the terminal date. As late as six weeks ago we were assured that there was no reason for any change in the plans. But these last six weeks forced a change in the plans. It now becomes apparent that it will be impossible to meet the original dates agreed

upon. At least another two or two and one-half months beyond the original terminal date will be required to complete the structure for occupancy.

## *Perhaps This Is Providential*

Response to the appeal for investment funds began with enthusiasm a year ago and continued unabated up until August of 1962. From that point on there has been a leveling off. The total amount raised is still good. But there is still another \$200,000 or more that is needed to cover the cost of the building and the necessary equipment and furnishings. This delay can very well be the provision made by the Lord for His people to make the remaining investments to cover these costs. Since there is no other source for funds to cover this cost, this delay is the good providence of God. In behalf of the board of trustees, the administration, and the faculty, I therefore send forth an urgent appeal that our people will make the best use of this period of time, and send in the needed funds for investment in this much needed building. And, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

## *There May Be Other Benefits*

There is only One who knows the future. That is God. Human prognosticators make calculated guesses concerning the future. But it is amazing how often they miss. The weather prophets are often proved wrong within hours. But our God never fails. It is therefore with encouragement we entrust the apparent failure to meet the original deadline on the dormitory into the hands of Him who is omniscient. There is no question that the delay will provide an extension of time for raising funds. But there may well be other features related to our present situation, not now known to us, that the Lord will work out in this extension of time. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). But there is something that is even more important than that. It is the fact that He "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Eph. 1:11).

## *The Praise of His Glory*

Above and beyond all else, if by means of delay those of us who are so vitally associated with this project can be brought to a greater realization of our utter dependence upon Him and into submission to His will in all things, then something will have been accomplished that exceeds in value even the use of a dormitory. In fact, once that dormitory is ushered into use, there will be greater appreciation of its value and more effective use to the glory of the Lord. "For of him, and through him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen" (Rom. 11:36). Though the dormitory is for Grace College for the purpose of providing a comfortable and spiritually conditioned atmosphere for Christian young people, it is ultimately for the glory of His grace. Since the interests of our blessed Lord in this project exceed ours, He certainly has the right to order the times and seasons of its construction.



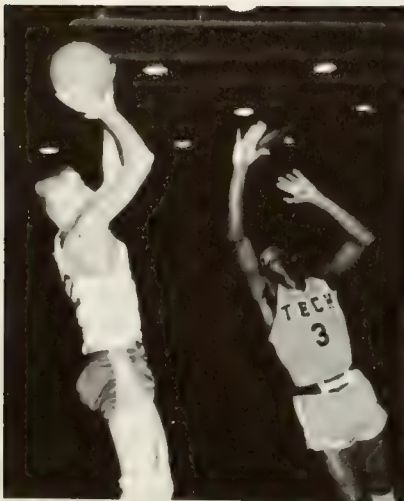
# The Importance of *Athletics*

By "Chet" Kammerer

Junior, Grace College

Athletics have always played an important role in my life. Consequently, upon graduation from high school, I sought out a college where I could engage in intercollegiate athletics. Since Grace College was only ten miles from my home, I decided to enroll. The only drawback to entering Grace was its Christ-centered approach to education. However, I figured I could just fake my way through as a Christian. As a result, my first year on the Grace campus was wasted.

At the beginning of my sophomore year, the Lord began to deal with me regarding my relationship to Him. I started to recognize that there was something more in life than athletics. I knew I needed Jesus Christ as my



Coach Don Odle, of "Venture for Victory," "Chet" Kammerer, and Coach Richard Messner of Grace

## "CHET'S" RECORD

Indiana Intercollegiate Scoring Record .....	732 points
Mid-Central College Conference (3 year record) .....	528 points
Grace College three-year scoring total .....	1761 points
Grace College single game record .....	41 points
Grace College single season scoring average .....	25.2 points
Unanimous All-Mid-Central Conference choice .....	2 years
Selected for "Venture for Victory" team .....	1963
This team will travel through the Orient playing basketball and holding gospel services.	

own personal Saviour, but I resisted Him throughout the entire first semester. However, many Grace students and faculty members were faithfully praying for my salvation. Finally on January 30, 1962, I yielded my life to the Lord.

Now that I am a child of God, my outlook concerning athletics has changed. I have not lost my love for sports, but they have taken on a new purpose. I can no longer play as unto myself but as unto Him. I am aware that I can be a definite testimony for Christ through my actions and attitudes in athletic contests. It is my obligation as an athlete and a Christian to make Christ known at all times.

Recently, the Lord has further im-

pressed upon me the importance of athletics in Christian service. Each summer a squad of Christian basketball players journey to the Orient to compete with the leading teams of that region. However, their primary purpose in traveling is to present Christ to the unsaved masses. This year, the Lord graciously saw fit to have me selected as one of the athletes to take part in this program known as Venture for Victory. This is indeed a great opportunity and challenge to proclaim the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the medium of athletics, Christ drew me unto himself. In turn, I pray that I may point souls to the Saviour through the channel of competitive sports.





## IMPRESSIONS OF GRACE

**By Bill Keane**

*Freshman, Grace College*

When I was finally accepted at Grace, I immediately began to imagine what college life in a Christian school would be like. I made mental pictures of the many aspects that would come into being. I imagined that I would be in an environment of younger people who thought and acted a lot differently than myself. I pictured young people who, for the most part, came from Christian homes, were on fire for the Lord, and were in His service a far longer time than I. In any event, I made up my mind to adjust and conform to their ways and practices.

Now that I've been at Grace for one semester, I have received a fairly accurate picture as to how it really is. The conclusions I have reached are far different from those I so hastily assumed earlier.

The first thing I realized was that I wasn't the only older fellow in my class. There were some fellows who served their time in the Armed Forces, or fellows who like myself had knocked around a few years after graduating from high school. I also found people with the same, or similar, problems as mine. They also had recently come to know the Lord and were standing on shaky legs. They too had been knocked down with trials and tribulations. They too were tempted and tried by the many diversions the world offers to people who are searching for something that will quench or fill the void in their lives. I liken us to "children" on Christmas morning who suddenly discover they have in their possession the gift that they had desired for so long. The only difference being, we found a gift that has lasting and eternal value.

In conclusion, I want to stress that Grace College is dedicated to one purpose or goal. This goal being: *To know Him and make Him known.*

Therefore, by attending a Christian college, I believe I can and will get the kind of education that will eventually mold me into an earthly vessel for our Lord. I also believe that when an institution of higher learning is founded and dedicated for this purpose, it cannot fail.



**By Karen Kriegbaum**

*Sophomore, Grace College*

Grace for me?

Sure! Why not? I love it! Grace has always had a tender spot in my heart for many reasons. My being a devoted Brethren and living in Winona Lake are only two of the smaller reasons.

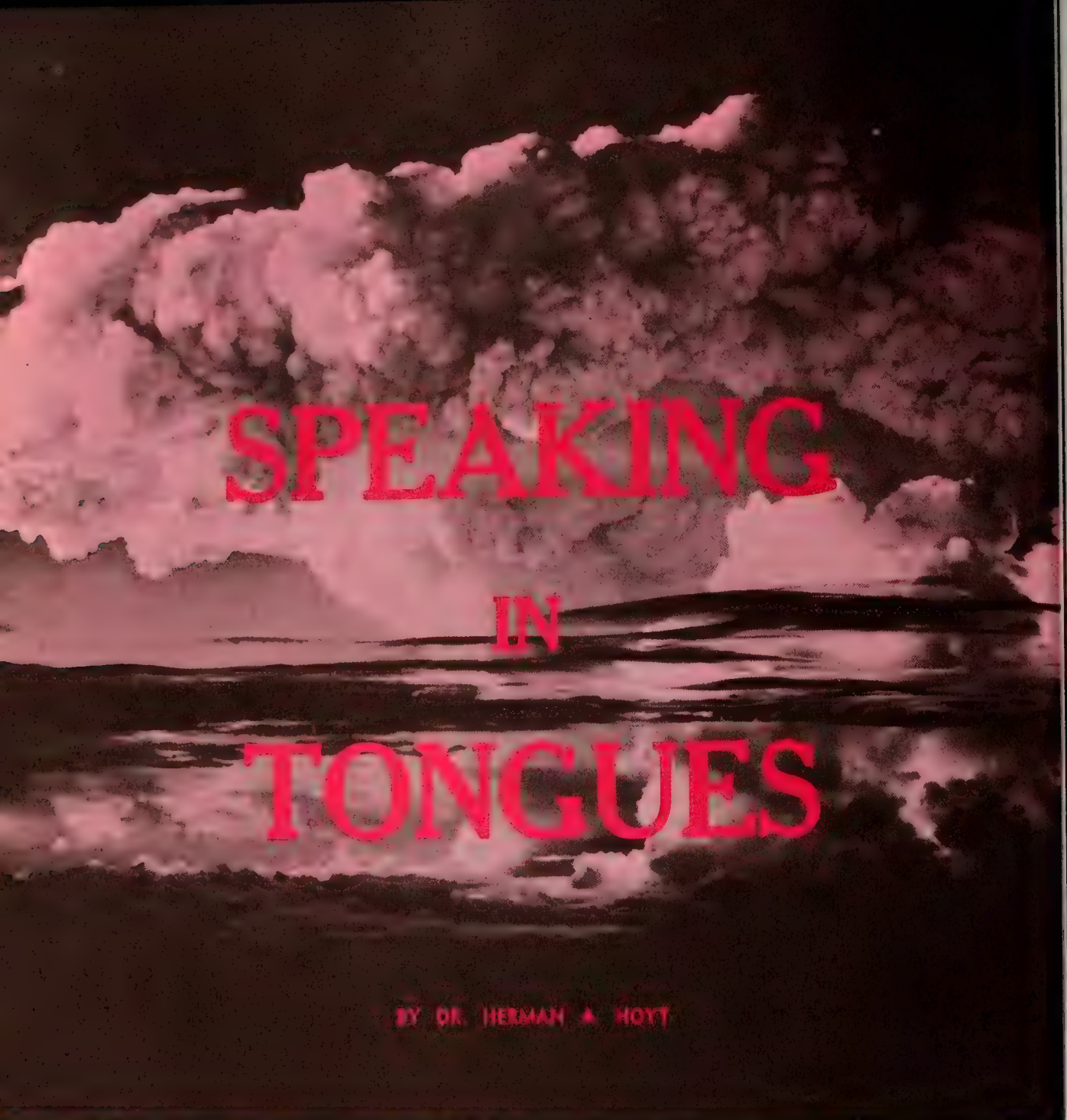
Last year I attended a secular school of nursing. Cutting my way through cigarette smoke and listening to girls disobey the third commandment of our merciful God, and wishing for the opportunity to be brainwashed to rid myself of such vulgar words was not my idea of a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere.

I entered Grace hoping for a gratifying change. Disappointed? Not!! I have never enjoyed school so much in my whole life. Ah sure, there are things that I would like to see changed here and there, but they are so minor and trivial that they really don't matter.

The social life is great. I have to laugh when I hear other kids complain about the rules. I always have the urge to hand them my handbook of nursing school, and let them see the advantages that they have here.

I am thankful for the eye-opening experiences afforded to me last year in nursing school, but praise God for His Grace!





# SPEAKING IN TONGUES

BY DR. HERMAN A. HOYT

(Continued from March 23 issue)

## ***Spiritual Edification in the Public Assembly***

Beginning with the premise in I Corinthians that all spiritual gifts were bestowed for the purpose of communicating benefit to the entire church (12:7), the Apostle Paul argues that there is just one reason for the saints to gather in public. That was for edification (14:3-5, 12, 17, 26). Therefore, nothing should

be permitted that does not carry out this purpose (14:26). This means that if tongues are to be employed in the public assembly, there are certain things that must characterize their exercise.

There must be the interpretation of the tongues because God has decreed that spiritual edification be mediated through understanding (14:5). Any person desiring to speak in tongues should be sure that

he can interpret (14:5), or he should pray that he may interpret (14:13), or make sure that one is present who has the gift of interpretation (14:27-28). Otherwise he should "keep silence in the church" (14:28). It is understanding of the spoken message made intelligible by distinction of sounds and certainty of meaning that provides the power to produce an effect in the hearers (14:7-10). Without interpretation, tongues are



an unintelligible gibberish that makes the hearer conclude that the speaker is a foreigner (14:11), who is acting like a maniac (14:23). The result so far as spiritual edification is concerned is nothing, for such a one is speaking into the air (14:9).

There must also be regulation if spiritual edification is to be accomplished (14:27-33, 40). At any one public service there should be no more than two speak, or at the extreme no more than three. In the average assembly people will not be able to get the full benefit from any more. In order to get the most out of these, it will be necessary for each speaker to take his turn. This means the people will be able to concentrate on one at a time, otherwise there would be confusion, divided attention, and no real benefit. And of course there must be interpretation of each message in turn, or no speaking in the church. But even here, no speaker should imagine that he cannot control himself, for the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. The Spirit of God never takes away self-control. Where there is no self-control, this could come from some other spirit than God's. Even those who have the gift of prophecy should be regulated in their speaking, though for them there is no need for an interpreter (14:29-31).

As a final caution, the Apostle Paul insists on discrimination among those who speak in the public assembly. "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak: but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church" (14:34-35). This obviously has reference to speaking in tongues and not to prophecy, for Paul has already pointed out that under certain conditions the woman may pray or prophesy (11:4-6). But even this is the exception, and not the rule (I Tim. 2:11-15). Even the exception is not permitted in the case of tongues, and the reason must lie in the nature of tongues. Since tongues are essentially an ecstatic, emotional manifestation, the woman is prohibited this experience in pub-

lic because of the basically emotional nature of the woman. In the modern tongues movement, contrary to the Scriptures, at least 85 percent of those who speak are women. To permit the woman to have this privilege in public would be a sure way of producing veritable outbreaks of uncontrollable emotion with resulting confusion, disorder, demoralization, and utter failure to accomplish edification.

### **Careful Analization of Every Manifestation**

From the very beginning, Satan has counterfeited the things of God. In the area of spirit, Satan has been especially successful, for it is an area that lies outside of the realm of the tangible, and therefore people are less able to discern between the genuine and the spurious. For this reason Paul warned the Corinthian church of the devices of Satan (II Cor. 11:13-15). On the point at hand; namely, speaking, the Apostle John had to warn the saints: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). The mouthpiece for the true spirit or the false spirit is men. The standard for measuring their identity is their message (I John 4:2-3), and their methods (I Cor. 14). In order to determine the true identity of any manifestation of tongues, there are at least five things in this discussion by which to measure them.

First, interpretation of the message spoken in tongues will reveal the character of the spirit doing the speaking. If that message is doctrinally unsound and of Satanic origin, then such speaking in tongues can be identified as false on the one hand and dangerous on the other, and therefore to be condemned and prohibited. If interpretation reveals that the message is true to the faith, then it can be concluded that this is a genuine manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and therefore to be approved and promoted within the church.

Second, submission to the regulations laid down by the Apostle Paul is in reality submission to the commandments of God. "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or

spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (14:37). These commandments include the orderly procedure for exercising the gift of tongues within the public assembly in order that the purpose of spiritual edification may be realized for everyone in attendance. If there is anyone who is determined to resist these commandments, he gives fair evidence that he is not under the direction of the Spirit of God nor exercising the genuine gift of tongues.

Third, limitations are clearly placed upon the exercise of the genuine gift of tongues. This gift, like all the other spiritual gifts, is distributed according to the sovereign will of the Spirit of God (12:10-11). Not every believer is given every gift (12:28-30). Though the Apostle Paul might wish that all might speak with tongues (14:5), yet he knows perfectly well that this neither can, nor will, be the case. It is therefore important to understand that though this is the work of the Holy Spirit, it is His work in imparting gifts to the members of the church as He sees fit. Tongues are therefore not to be traced to the work of the Holy Spirit in spiritual awakening, nor to the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation, nor to the work of the Holy Spirit in indwelling, nor to the work of the Holy Spirit in baptism, nor to the work of the Holy Spirit in filling. These works of the Holy Spirit are for every believer (I Pet. 1:2; Acts 2:38-39; 4:31; Titus 3:5; John 14:16-17; I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 5:18). Any movement, therefore, that promotes the speaking of tongues for everyone is not Biblical, and it is very likely not to be genuine.

Fourth, the cessation of this gift very probably took place when the canon of Scripture was finished, just as did the gift of prophecy. Paul declared both of these gifts would cease to be exercised (I Cor. 13:8). The gift of prophecy was necessary in the Early Church, for this new society of believers had needs that were not met in Old Testament revelation. When the New Testament writing prophets had completed their work, and the New Testament was finished, there was no longer need for

Tongues Ceased.



prophets. And from the days of the Apostle John after completing the Book of the Revelation, there has never been any new revelation. By the same token, tongues, another type of speaking, likewise finished its purpose, and was therefore no longer needed (Mark 16:17; I Cor. 14:21-22). This could mean that any manifestations of this phenomenon from A.D. 100 to the present are not only simulated counterfeits of the genuine gift, but actually are of Satanic origin.

Fifth, the positive prohibition of tongues was forbidden by the Apostle Paul for his day, but he did lend his counsel to the promotion of prophecy (14:39). When the Book of the Revelation was completed the gift of prophecy ceased to be exercised, for it was no longer needed in the church. It is also very possible that the day of usefulness for the gift of tongues was completed simultaneous with that of prophecy (13:8). But in case it was not, the comparative little value of tongues to the church as over against the proclamation of the revealed Word should lead any pastor to weigh carefully the wisdom of employing tongues. In the event that it is decided that tongues must be promoted in public, there is the clear admonition, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (14:40). This calls for an application of the entire body of theological instruction in the New Testament. It is very possible that rigid application would completely eliminate their employment.

### ***Elimination of Improper Demonstrations in the Church***

Since the advocates of tongues for the public assembly so vigorously insist on the blessing this experience brings to believers, it seems only right to examine more carefully what the Bible says on this point. Almost immediately it will be noticed that the Bible points to the spiritual effects on men, while present-day advocates are laying stress on the ecstatic experience in men. This seems strange if the present-day manifestations are actually genuine fulfillments of the Biblical teaching.

Upon examining the accounts of speaking in tongues set forth in the

Book of Acts, several things are apparent. This phenomenon as then experienced was produced by the Spirit of God working in believers (Acts 2:4). The subject of their speech was the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11). The purpose of this speaking was to magnify the Lord (Acts 10:46). There was understanding of the language on the part of the hearers, which could mean that there was interpretation (Acts 2:7-11; 10:46). The effect was twofold. Among the unsaved there was amazement, doubt, and mocking as to the meaning of this unusual demonstration (Acts 2:12-13). Among the saved there was the conviction that the tongues were a confirmation of God's Word (Acts 2:14-18; 10:46-47; 19:6). Peter's explanation from the Book of Joel (Acts 2:17-18), and Luke's explanation in the Book of Acts (19:6), both give strong reason to believe that this speaking had more to do with prophecy than the gift of tongues discussed in First Corinthians.

Unusual attention should therefore be given to the contrast drawn between the purpose of tongues and prophecy as declared by Paul (I Cor. 14:21-22). Since he was himself a prophet (Acts 13:1), and spoke in tongues more than the Corinthian believers (14:18), and is now writing under the direction of the Holy Spirit, his explanation should be heeded.

According to the law and Old Testament prophecy, God had to speak in other tongues as a judgment upon Israel because the people refused to obey the plain words of His prophets (Deut. 28:45-51; Isa. 28:11-12). "In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord" (14:21). Foreign nations came and destroyed their land and carried the people away into captivity. But even this did not turn Israel to God. Israel's response merely proved that the nation was confirmed in its apostasy and that God was just in His dealings.

The Apostle Paul now makes the application to tongues. "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth

not for them that believe not, but for them which believe" (14:22). This means that when a group of people set aside prophecy in preference for tongues, they exhibit the fact that they do not want to hear God's Word plainly given to them. They prefer rather ignorance of His Word and an experience of emotion. This means that they are in rebellion against God and are rejecting His Word. By rejecting prophecy and choosing tongues, they close the door of God's approach, and all opportunity to reach God is withdrawn. Tongues then become a sign of confirmed unbelief and as a result the judgment of God is now resting upon them.

The illustration of contrast between prophecy and tongues in the instance that follows is compelling. If one, who is unacquainted with Christianity or is in opposition to it, attends the public gathering, and he witnesses everyone in the assembly speaking in tongues, his conclusion is that these people are crazy (14:23). The speaking was unintelligible and God has no clear message through them to his heart. Thus the judgment of God fell upon him. But on the other hand, if all prophecy, the situation is altogether different (14:24-25). Prophecy brings a revelation from God, the effect of which is to produce conviction in that man because it carries on an examination of his life that results in the manifestation of the hidden things of his own heart. The outcome is amazing. As a result of conversion, this man falls upon his face in adoration of God and makes a confession of the reality of God in them. Thus, by prophecy, the way to God was opened up for this man. The message of life and hope spoken by the prophet has won a man to Christ.

Interpretation of tongues may provide sufficient virtue to justify their use in the public assembly. But it must never be forgotten that at best their value is greatly limited. Nor should the perils that lurk in the very intrinsic nature of tongues be overlooked. Rigid regulation is necessary to safeguard their use, lest emotion get out of hand. And absolute discrimination against women must

be insisted upon. If God's people are really desirous of realizing the largest good in the public meetings, then they would be wise to seek the best gifts (I Cor. 12:31; 14:12). This would counsel the employment of prophecy instead of tongues (14:19, 39). Inasmuch as there is strong reason to believe that tongues as a gift has ceased (13:8), and any attempt at simulation could be false and Satanic, the church is left with one kind of speaking for the public assembly, that is prophecy. But even this kind of speaking has ceased in the technical sense (13:8) because the body of revelation is finished. Since the Apostle John completed the Book of the Revelation, there has been just one valid type of speaking in the church; namely, that of preaching and teaching the written revelation, the Bible.



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SATURDAY  
JUNE 1

MEET AT 4:30 P.M.  
BANQUET AT 5:30 P.M.  
(OVER BY 7 P.M.)



DORMITORY FUND REPORT

to date: March 20, 1963

RECEIPTS AND UNPAID PLEDGES

<b>Receipts to date:</b>		<b>Unpaid pledges:</b>	
Gifts .....	\$ 100,183	Gifts .....	\$ 13,617
Investments .....	398,958	Investments .....	13,792
\$ 499,141		\$ 27,409	

<b>GOAL .....</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>Total receipts and unpaid pledges .....</b>	<b>526,550</b>
<b>Balance needed .....</b>	<b>73,450</b>

These figures do not include furnishings

GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

February and March, 1963

General Building Fund		General Building Fund	
Allegheny		Southeast	
Aleppo, Pa. ....	40.00	Covington, Va. ....	325.94
Grafton, W. Va. ....	24.00	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ...	100.00
Jenners, Pa. ....	167.75	Hollins, Va. ....	162.00
Washington, Pa. ....	103.02	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	86.30
East		Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	366.50
Altoona, Pa. (First) ...	239.02	Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	21.85
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) .	165.00	Southern California and Arizona	
Everett, Pa. ....	25.00	Artesia, Calif. ....	19.66
Hopewell, Pa. ....	5.00	Compton, Calif. ....	84.05
Kittanning, Pa. (First) ..	146.80	Glendale, Calif. ....	89.50
Indiana		Inglewood, Calif. ....	104.05
Berne .....	553.45	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	1,525.50
Clay City .....	174.00	Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	13.15
Flora .....	40.00	Long Beach, Calif. (North Long Beach)	17.75
Fort Wayne (First) ....	703.02	Los Angeles, Calif. ....	7.50
Fort Wayne (Grace) ....	63.32	San Bernardino, Calif. ..	16.24
Leesburg .....	29.90	Seal Beach, Calif. ....	47.00
Mount Prospect, Ill. ....	15.00	South Gate, Calif. ....	25.00
Osceola .....	38.72	Temple City, Calif. ....	7.80
South Bend .....	10.50	Whittier, Calif. (Com.) ..	76.75
Warsaw .....	142.25	Whittier, Calif. (First) ..	105.00
Winona Lake .....	195.00	Southern Ohio	
Iowa		Clayton .....	56.00
Cedar Rapids .....	5.50	Dayton (First) .....	373.39
North English .....	35.00	Dayton (Grace) .....	23.00
Waterloo .....	348.00	Dayton (Patterson Park)	45.00
Michigan		Englewood .....	55.59
Alto .....	157.00	Kettering .....	66.00
Berrien Springs .....	53.70	Trotwood .....	24.00
Grand Rapids .....	40.00	Troy .....	318.02
Hastings .....	5.25	Miscellaneous	
Jackson .....	3.00	Isolated Brethren .....	86.00
Lake Odessa .....	118.14	Non-Brethren .....	552.00
New Troy .....	74.00	Grace Seminary Alumni Association	4.50
Trout Lake (Ozark) ....	6.00	National Brethren WMC	307.62
Mid-Atlantic		Student Body Offerings	
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	682.22	Seminary & College ...	10.00
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	272.25	Maintenance .....	125.00
Washington, D. C. (First)	787.50	Totals .....	13,824.37
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	426.76	Designated Gifts	
Winchester, Va. ....	529.00	Akron, Ohio (First) .....	100.00
Midwest		Ashland, Ohio .....	389.00
Arvada, Colo. ....	20.00	Bellflower, Calif. ....	26.00
Beaver City, Nebr. ....	5.00	Clayton, Ohio .....	127.10
Portis, Kans. ....	100.00	Conemaugh, Pa. ....	5.00
Nor-Cal		Dayton, Ohio (First) .....	33.67
Sacramento, Calif. ....	20.00	Kittanning, Pa. (First)	590.13
Northern Atlantic		Leesburg, Ind. ....	5.00
Lancaster, Pa. ....	12.50	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	100.00
Palmyra, Pa. ....	132.20	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	100.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	521.65	Palmyra, Pa. ....	35.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	40.00	Peru, Ind. ....	75.00
Northern Ohio		Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .....	144.53
Akron (Fairlawn) .....	120.00	Taos, N. Mex. ....	22.00
Ashland .....	137.62	Warsaw, Ind. ....	25.00
Bowling Green (Good News)	10.00	Washington, D. C. (First)	22.95
Cleveland .....	9.00	Waterloo, Iowa .....	10.54
Cuyahoga Falls .....	250.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	145.85
Danville .....	100.00	Grace Seminary Alumni Association	405.94
Elyria .....	40.23	National Conference Offering	693.85
Fremont (Grace) .....	38.15	National Brethren WMC	17.30
Galion .....	36.00	Non-Brethren .....	2,635.00
Homerville .....	85.67	Total .....	5,708.86
Mansfield (Grace) .....	661.75		
Wooster .....	396.15		
Northwest			
Grandview, Wash. ....	9.00		
Harrah, Wash. ....	60.00		
Seattle, Wash. ....	25.34		



### **Not Included in Price**

Passports, visas, excess baggage charge, items not on table d'hôte menus, and items of personal nature, such as laundry, and so forth.

### **Optional Trip**

Of interest to the members of The Brethren Church will be the trip to Schwarzenau, Germany, the birthplace of our church. The cost of this trip will be published later.

### **Responsibility and Conditions**

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# **1964 HOLY LAND TOUR**

**SPONSORED BY GRACE SEMINARY—JUNE 28 TO JULY 28**

**REGISTRATIONS AND  
FULL DETAILS BY  
AUGUST 15, 1963**

**NOT MORE THAN 35 IN  
EACH GROUP**

**\$1650.00**

(Subject to current exchange on  
August 15, 1963)



### **Booking**

A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of registration (after August 15, 1963). An additional deposit of \$150 will be required by March 1, 1964, and final payment will be due on May 1, 1964.

### **Cancellation**

If cancellation is made prior to April 1, 1964, full refund of deposits will be made. After April 1, 1964, refund will be made less \$50 charge to cover cancellation charges.

### **Hotels—Meals—Tips—Taxes**

Good, comfortable lodging is provided for the entire trip on the basis of two persons sharing room (with twin beds when possible). Private bath will be provided when available. Single room will be at additional cost. Three meals will be provided each day. Tips and taxes are

included throughout for all services provided by the tour. Extra personal service not included.

### **Transportation**

Economy class plane transportation will be provided from New York across Atlantic as indicated in itinerary (shorter plane trips, tourist class). Other trips will be made by motorcoach or private car rented for the trip. Entrance fee to places of interest is included.

### **Baggages and Transfers**

Transfers of passenger and one normal size suitcase from airports to hotels and vice versa are included, but the total weight is not to exceed 44 pounds (maximum allowed on Economy class air). Insurance of baggage is recommended as no liability for loss or damage is accepted.



BRETHREN MISSIONARY

# HERALD



FOREIGN MISSIONS AND WMC ISSUE

MAY 4, 1963



# God Could Do It!

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard



Pineapple harvest in Puerto Rico. This should remind us of the souls in that land ready to be harvested for our Lord!

A few weeks ago in company with some of our California brethren we visited what was a large old estate in Beverly Hills—just sightseeing, of course. However, we were challenged by some things. The lavish appointments and the luxury evident everywhere were almost breathtaking.

A mountainside was terraced. The terraces were so arranged that flat areas of some 100 by 150 feet were prepared. These are building lots. We quote some figures as they were quoted to us.

The most poorly located lots are priced at \$49,000 each. Prices for the other lots go as high as \$299,000 each. These are restricted building locations as you might expect. The cheapest of the mansions cost \$99,000 and prices range as high as \$499,000. It is entirely possible for the price of a lot and mansion to go as high as \$750,000. It is not hard to believe that the furnishings could make the entire establishment cost at least \$1,000,000.

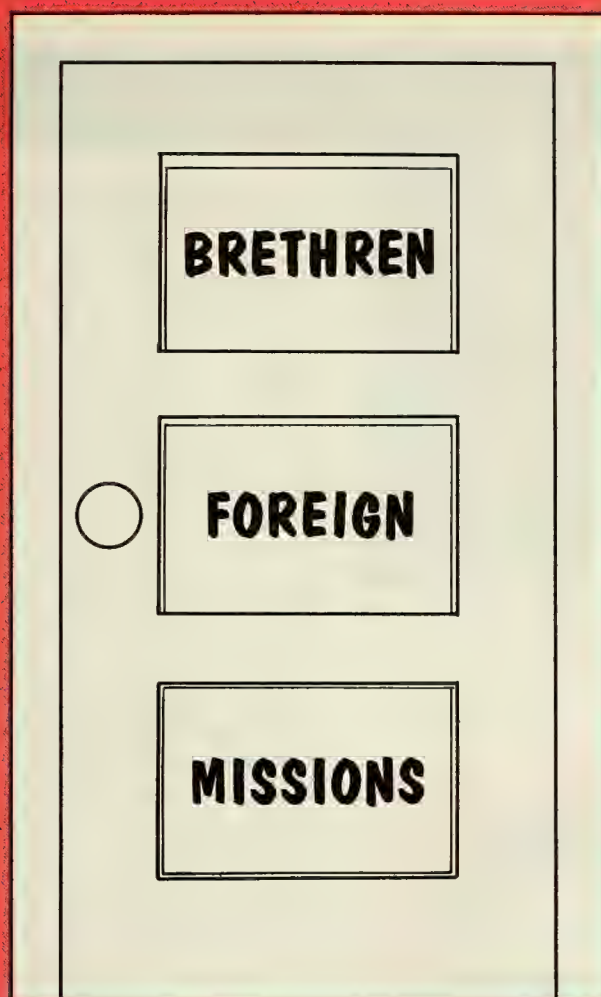
We stagger at these fabulous amounts. One family can channel \$1,000,000 into an earthly residence! Then we are made to ask: "How could God channel millions of dollars into Brethren Foreign Missions—if He desired to do so?" Could He do it? Will He do it? Would we want Him to do it? Let's be careful of our answer.

One day Jesus took five loaves and two fishes and fed a large multitude. God is able to cause an oil well to burst forth on the plot of land owned by any and every member of The Brethren Church. Do you believe that? He can make it possible that when we walk outside our front door, we will pick up diamonds. Is your God that big? He can put a coin or a pearl in the mouth of every fish you Brethren fishermen catch. Does your faith stagger at this?

If God did such a thing, what would we do? Most people of the world would call it "luck," and would begin to spend money "like drunken sailors." Some would certainly buy a lavish estate like those described earlier in our discussion. But what would we do? Would we be any different? One is almost afraid to think of an answer lest he be put to the test. Would we remember God's work in any special way? Probably we would remember it just about as we have remembered it in years past. Most of the windfall would be put in "the sock" or "salted away."

God is looking for channels. For many, many years God has been looking for channels. He wants channels through whom He can pour His great wealth and bounty into His work in the world, channels through which He can be assured that sticky fingers and selfish hearts will not claim His bounty as personal possession. Could God use you to pour a million dollars into Brethren Foreign Missions—if He wanted to do so? God could pour a million dollars into Brethren Foreign Missions through the membership of the smallest and weakest church in our brotherhood. He could pour multiplied millions if all of us in all of our churches would be willing channels. Yes, it's sure we do not have that kind of money now—and why, pray tell me, should God entrust that kind of money to us? Of that which he has entrusted, many people have not even given a tithe, to say nothing about their serving as a channel for His great bounty.

Please be courageous enough to think this over, and pray about it!



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Open  
This  
Door  
of  
OPPORTUNITY!*

**GIVING !**

**OUR**

**INCREASE**

**INCREASE! Jesus did! His missionary program should!**

- ✓ **INCREASE** in your study of God's Word—it is the Foreign Mission Handbook.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—it is the Lord who adds to the church those who are saved.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—it is God's plan—"Grow in grace . . ." and so on.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in your praying—praying is the key to success in foreign missions.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in your foreign mission giving—"As the Lord hath prospered" is God's way.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in your foreign mission information—informed Christians are better Christians.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in Missionary Helpers—missionary-minded boys and girls make missionary-minded men and women.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in Missionary Teens—missionary volunteers will be the result.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in volunteers is necessary if the work is to be expanded—and the Lord has ordered us to do this.
- ✓ **INCREASE**—in the number of people who will covenant with the Lord to give at least \$1 toward the going-out of each new missionary family.



# This Is Ciudad General Belgrano

General Manuel Belgrano was one of Argentina's foremost military men at the close of the eighteenth and beginning of the nineteenth centuries. His name has been honored in many places and in many ways throughout Argentina, and one of the places which commemorates his valiant life is the town where we now live.

Ciudad (City) General Belgrano was originally named Eva Peron, in honor of the wife of the late dictator Juan Peron. During the early 1950's Eva Peron, in a dramatic and philanthropic move, designed and built this city for the working class, which was called the "Shirtless Ones." From many points in Argentina, especially the underdeveloped places in the north, she brought in poor families and set them up in one of the most modern cities in the country. The houses are all chalet type with red-tiled roofs, heavy wooden shutters, and stucco finish. Each house has its own patio with ample space for a flower and vegetable garden. The city is laid out in five large areas, and these in turn are broken up into smaller sections. The principal streets are boulevards, and from these run smaller streets which form small circles returning to the main avenue. From the aesthetic standpoint the whole city is pleasing to the eye. From the practical-living-side Belgrano is far superior to many areas of Buenos Aires. There are natural gas, light, running water, a sewage system, and—since it is entirely residential—a quiet suburban atmosphere. There are two main railroad lines which lead to the capital, and two excellent bus lines which branch off into various suburban areas of Buenos Aires in addition to going directly into the capital.

Mrs. Peron's actions were exemplary in many ways, but she lacked discretion in choosing the inhabitants for this place. Most of the folks were uneducated and unprepared either mentally, morally, or culturally to step into such a place. Conse-

quently, instead of progressing and developing into what she hoped, it soon degenerated into a hotbed of political riffraff. These people had little interest apart from eating a hearty meal every day and passing the rest of the time in "fiestas."

In 1955 when Peron was expelled from Argentina, this area began to change. The name was changed to its present one, and many of the people who formerly lived here began to move away. The government owned the properties, and it began to sell them to the occupants who desired to buy. Many who occupied the houses decided to move, and when they left, they charged ex-



By Rev. James B. Marshall

horbitant occupancy fees to the new folks who moved in. This was entirely outside the official regulations, but lack of housing in the Buenos Aires area encouraged and facilitated the first owners to sell to those who were searching for homes in the capital area.

During the past two years there has been an exodus of this undesirable element and a new working class is beginning to occupy the city. They are not exclusive in any sense of the word, but are families who de-

sire to live and work and see the city progress. Last October after returning from furlough, we came upon this place and discovered that in a city of almost 40,000 there was just one little Baptist work, two Pentecostal groups, and a small Nazarene church. In addition to these the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and other sects, plus the Spiritists, were quite active. It seemed to us that here was a field ready to be harvested; so, we purchased property and moved in during the last days of November.

In beginning a new work it is always difficult to know just where to start, but in our case the Lord seemed to indicate that this was the place. The financial problems were solved immediately through the gifts of God's people, and a few minor problems seemed to disappear at once. From every indication God wanted us here.

Three months have passed and God is still blessing in many ways. We have been doing an intensive house-to-house campaign of the immediate area and have found many folks receptive to the Gospel. Very few have refused to receive our literature, and most indicate that they like it. Several families have revealed that they are confused about religion in general and are searching for the truth. One discovers in personal visitation that folks are facing many problems for which their present religion offers no solution or hope. What a joy to be able to tell them of Christ and His love for them! We have made some friends who have proved helpful in getting us settled and adjusted to this area, and we long to see these folks come to know Christ as their Saviour.

At this time of crisis in Argentina, we are sure that there will be many opportunities, perhaps within the next few months, to tell folks about a better place which Christ is preparing for those who love Him. We realize that the task before us requires haste for the enemies of Christ are swarming in like a flood. Communism is gaining great ground in this



# Missionary Church Holds Missionary Conference!

By Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle



Mr. and Mrs. Isch



Brethren gospel hall in Lyon

Our Brethren testimony in Lyon, France, under the leadership of Mr. John Isch, pastor-evangelist, held its first missionary conference March 23 and 24.

The main speaker was Rev. Robert Munn, assistant director of the European Bible Institute and former missionary in West Africa. Mr. Munn is also a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary and was at one time the teacher of the French language in Grace schools.

The theme of the conference was "The Field Is the World."

The opening message was on Saturday evening, March 23, when Brother Munn spoke on "The Biblical Basis of Missions." The Sunday morning message was entitled, "Are Missions Worthwhile?"

A varied program was presented in the Sunday afternoon service. People were present who could quote

Scripture in French, Russian, Spanish, English, Greek, German, and Boulou. Mr. and Mrs. Isch gave a report on the needs of evangelism in Greece. Rev. P. F. Fogle gave a brief history of each of the Brethren mission fields. Brother Munn closed the meeting by giving a brief message on "The Results of Missionary Work."

The Sunday evening service brought the conference to a close, and the subject treated was "Europe, a Mission Field."

The conference was a spiritually stimulating experience for all who attended, and the interest was high. One young man, who has been seriously considering serving the Lord full time, was heard to say: "The only thing left for me to do now is to go into the Lord's work."

The goal of the conference was fourfold: (1) To help Christians

realize the immensity of the task and the need for workers; (2) To challenge young people to offer themselves for work in God's vineyard; (3) To invite Christians to pray for all phases of mission work; and (4) To give them an opportunity to help materially in the missionary endeavor.

An offering was taken to help buy literature for the two gospel reading rooms being opened in Bangui and Bozoum in our field in Central Africa. Approximately \$17.50 was received. The total offerings on that Sunday amounted to \$45.50, which is the highest in the history of the group in Lyon.

Our God is to be praised for blessings during the first missionary conference in our gospel hall in France. Plans are being made already for the organization of a greater conference in the not-too-distant future.

land, and even where it does not take root the materialistic spirit is growing. We are not fighting communism as an end in itself; rather, we preach Christ, and Him crucified and risen again, for we know that those who turn to God will turn from idols and false cults. We are convinced that the real secret of evangelizing Argentina today is through personal contact—in homes, on the street, at work, wherever folks will stop for a minute and listen to the Word of God.

Supplementary and complementary to this personal evangelism, we have begun organized preaching services and a Sunday school. On March 3 we had our first services with eighteen in Sunday school and fourteen in the evening service. Small beginning—yes! But we are looking to the Lord for growth and expansion both numerically and spiritually. We believe that within three to five years God is going to establish a testimony in this city

which will be to His honor and glory. How thankful we are to be able to have a part in it! We trust that each of you will pray for us and the people to whom we are ministering, that God will do a mighty work here to the extent that some day Ciudad General Belgrano will become synonymous not with armies and generals of destructive war, but with soldiers of the Lord Jesus who preach peace through the cross of Christ.



Ngaba,  
Josephine,  
and their  
family



## “An Example of the Believers”

By Miss Mary Beth Munn

It was during the ground-clearing season that a certain Kabba woman bore a tiny, premature baby boy. He was so small that his father could hold him on his hand. The whole village declared that he would surely die. But, each day he grew a little more and became a little stronger. He was named Ngaba. When Ngaba was about twelve, one of the Christian men of the village gathered the boys for classes. It was at that time that young Ngaba accepted Christ as his Saviour.

In 1953 a skinny, tall young fellow came to me at the dispensary at Bekoro. He had on his leg a tropical ulcer that we proceeded to treat. Each day when we had cared for the ulcer, he would stay around to sweep or carry water, or help in some other way. One day he asked me if he could be a medical worker. When I asked him if he was a believer, he replied: “Yes; I’m converted but I’ve never been baptized.” He was about sixteen but was still trying to read from the first primer. He couldn’t even write his own name.

This young man was Ngaba. I saw that he really wanted to work so I hired him for a helper. The head medical worker tutored him in the evenings until he could read and

write a little, and then he was able to start his medical studies.

To go from Betoko, his village, to Bekoro, he had to pass a small village called Beboujou. And in this village every day Ngaba saw a pretty girl whom he also saw going to church each Sunday. So, he became acquainted with her, and soon proposed to her. This is not the true African way at all and neither family was pleased with the promise these young people gave each other. The girl’s family had promised her to a wealthy bigamist, and Ngaba’s family had selected for him a girl from an influential family. But in this case the young people found members of their families to champion their decision, and after no small amount of negotiation, Timothy Ngaba and Josephine Endouba were married on July 10, 1955.

Ngaba really threw his heart into his studies. He passed many of the medical courses in his own dispensary and then with the doctors, so he was eligible to go to the Bible Institute for two years. Those two years were very sweet for Ngaba and his wife. They received some of the highest grades in their classes, and they were favorite friends of the other students. After they graduated

from the Bible Institute, the medical committee placed them at the Medical Center at Boguila. Here Ngaba assisted Dr. Mason with surgery and worked with Dr. Taber at the dispensary.

The one thing that “hunted his heart” was that Ngaba had never gone to French-school. The French medical books were almost impossible for him to study. He often lamented the fact that as a boy he saw school as nothing, for now he loved to read and to learn—but, of course, literature in the Sango language is very limited. About that time Mr. Steudler, at the French-school in Yaloke, opened the door for several African pastors to come for a year to try a program in adult education. There seemed to be no pastor in position to go, so seeing the opportunity, Ngaba applied. And, he and another younger medical assistant were accepted.

This venture was not easy for Ngaba in many ways. He had to support his family as well as go to school, and he found the French classes—mainly arithmetic and French grammar—very difficult. But, again he threw his heart into his studies, and he was able to take the classes of the sixth grade. The Lord wonderfully provided for the family needs, for Ngaba worked in the dispensary on weekends, Josephine sold food to the students, and some of their friends sent a gift of food or money now and then.

After his French Bible, the first book that Ngaba bought was a Bible dictionary. We who cannot remember not being able to read, cannot really appreciate the thrill of having such a new world opened—the world of books to be read with the unlimited possibility of learning some new thing. Ngaba started reading his dictionary with all this enthusiasm, and you could hear him punctuating his reading with a frequent and audible “Thank you”—“Thank you.”

The Lord has given Ngaba and Josephine three nice children. These parents are only two among all our believers in Africa who love the Lord Jesus with “hearts that don’t falter,” and who are “an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” Praise God for them all!

# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director      Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



**MH'ERS MEET AFRICAN PASTOR—**

Simon-Pierre Nambozouina visited the Earl Fiscus family in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and their boys had a grand time. The twins, Joel and Mark, were thrilled with their visitor and even little Peter blew his horn for his African guest.



**KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—**

Rev. and Mrs. Randall Maycumber and their daughter, Lou Ann, are the newest missionaries on our field in Brazil. They left the United States in April 1961, and for the past two years have been living at Macapa, Brazil, where they are in charge of the work at that station. The Maycumbers have been busy learning the Portuguese language. Pray for them, MH'ers!

**MARY MISSIONARY—**

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By Eulalio Trindade—  
"Pastor Trinity"

(FMS editor's note: Pastor Trinity, of the Saint Anthony Bay Brethren Church in Brazil, is one of the three Brazilian pastors working under the supervision of missionary Bill Burk in his Amazon island ministry.)

During the days that I waited for the beginning of the Spiritual Retreat of the young people of our three island churches, I lived quite preoccupied with various problems which might present themselves during the retreat. My preoccupation became even more acute when the other two pastors and the missionary didn't show up for our usual Wednesday Bible Institute at my house here on Saint Anthony Bay. It was at this reunion that we had planned to make the final preparations for the youth camp. I had no way of knowing at the time that Senhor Bill was sick and unable to bring Senhores Benjamin and Arthur to my house in his little boat, the *Vamos*.

I wondered to myself if it were possible that the brethren had forgotten that the following week was the week of the retreat. Impossible! They also have calendars. Could it be that God was not looking with favor upon our proposed camp? I couldn't believe this because God always honors such plans if the goal is to serve Him.

My preoccupation diminished somewhat when on Thursday afternoon Pastor Arthur from Cotijuba Island arrived—not in the motorboat with Senhor Bill, but in a borrowed sailboat! He had with him the registration money from Cotijuba and from the youth of our Possum Is-

land church, for he had stopped by Pastor Benjamin's home that morning. But I still did not find myself very tranquilized because the money he brought was not sufficient to make the necessary purchases for the kitchen—and it was I who had to make these purchases!

So I had to stop and think. Not like a "thinker," for I understand nothing of philosophy, but merely to find a solution to the above problem. Various other problems also presented themselves to me. Will the island young people cooperate here on my beach like the larger group did at the national youth camp on Cotijuba Island in January? Will they feel the shortage of food? Will the pastors be perfectly understood by the campers? This would be the first such retreat entirely under our responsibility—with the missionary cooperating neither by his presence nor financially. Only one thing didn't enter my imagination: Complete Success! And it was exactly this that God had prepared for our spiritual retreat. Success! Absolute Success!

To begin with, consider the place, my island beach and three-room thatched house. It would be impossible to find a more appropriate location for a retreat for Christian youth. Our sandy beach is completely remote and it's extremely rare that any person comes by. It's really isolated—and very beautiful although smaller than "Homesick Beach" on Cotijuba Island. And, the place seems to be enchanted, blessed by God for those two unforgettable days of Christian fellowship.

The time of the retreat was carefully chosen: the last two days of Brazil's sin-filled "Carnival," inappropriate days for Christian youth to be in the population centers with the general public.

And now the retreat itself. Ah, yes! The Retreat! In spite of the rain which fell all during the night of Sunday to Monday (Feb. 25), a sailboat arrived at six Monday morning with the campers from the Possum Island Brethren Church. All were happy, thanks to God, for having arrived in peace. They were nine including the layman who came with Pastor Benjamin. The sailboat from Cotijuba Island didn't arrive until

after noon, for they had waited until it stopped raining because of Pastor Arthur's young baby who was making the trip with his mother and dad. From the beginning, it was clear that this camp was going to be crowned with Absolute Success.

The youth could only think of the contests after each Bible lesson, and because of this their chief attention during those days was to their Bibles. Teams were seen seated on the beach studying and testing one another. Occasionally individuals removed themselves greater distances from the house, alone in solitary thinking. And with good reason, I feel.

Frankly, I was completely satisfied with the conduct of the young people (14-25 years of age). Everyone demonstrated a will to cooperate and proved himself quite able in the work of Christ. This was evident when they improvised a meeting themselves after our last regular session. The idea came from young Manoel Nazareno of Possum Island who led the program. Raimundo Teles from our own Saint Anthony Bay church brought an admirable message. May God bless these youth!

Therefore I say, "What a retreat!" I think that the memory of this camp will not very soon leave those who took part. And it will leave them only with another camp of equal or greater success. May God bless us in the next such retreat, two months hence on Cotijuba Island!



Raimundo Teles (left) with Pastor Trinity

# STANDING OF THE CHURCHES

Showing Percentage of Increase of the  
1962 Foreign Mission Offering Over That for 1961

## These churches

increased by more than 100 percent

1. West Covina, Calif.
2. Tucson, Ariz.
3. Berrien Springs, Mich.
4. Jefferson Center, Pa.
5. Lancaster, Pa.
6. Bell, Calif.
7. Compton, Calif.
8. Limestone, Tenn.
9. Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)
10. Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)
11. Meyersdale, Pa.
12. Grandview, Wash.
13. Camden, Ohio

## These churches

increased by less than 100 percent      percentage

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| 14. Flora, Ind.                    | 94   |
| 15. Arbury Hills, Ill.             | 92   |
| 16. Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)  | 91   |
| 17. Yakima, Wash.                  | 87   |
| 18. Cheyenne, Wyo.                 | 78   |
| 19. Grand Rapids, Mich.            | 73   |
| 20. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale) | 72   |
| 21. Rialto, Calif.                 | 68.1 |
| 22. Everett, Pa.                   | 68   |
| 23. Gardena, Calif.                | 59   |
| 24. Portland, Oreg.                | 55   |
| 25. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)          | 54   |
| 26. Peru, Ind.                     | 53   |
| 27. Boone's Mill, Va.              | 50   |
| 28. Johnson City, Tenn.            | 48.9 |
| 29. Rittman, Ohio                  | 48.5 |
| 30. Berne, Ind.                    | 48.2 |
| 31. Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)    | 48   |
| 32. Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos) | 43   |
| 33. Conemaugh, Pa.                 | 42.7 |
| 34. Accident, Md.                  | 40   |
| 35. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)           | 39   |
| 36. Paramount, Calif.              | 37.8 |
| 37. Winona, Minn.                  | 37.6 |
| 38. Elkhart, Ind.                  | 36   |
| 39. West Alexandria, Ohio          | 35.7 |
| 40. Long Beach, Calif. (North)     | 34.5 |
| 41. Glendale, Calif.               | 33.8 |
| 42. Albuquerque, N. Mex.           | 33.5 |

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| 43. Chico, Calif.               | 32.4  |
| 44. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.       | 32    |
| 45. Danville, Ohio              | 31.7  |
| 46. Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)    | 30.3  |
| 47. Warsaw, Ind.                | 29.8  |
| 48. Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)    | 29    |
| 49. Albany, Oreg.               | 28.5  |
| 50. Canton, Ohio                | 28.4  |
| 51. Margate, Fla.               | 27    |
| 52. Harrah, Wash.               | 24    |
| 53. Portis, Kans.               | 23.5  |
| 54. Altoona, Pa. (First)        | 22.2  |
| 55. Modesto, Calif. (Community) | 22    |
| 56. Findlay, Ohio               | 21.9  |
| 57. Toppenish, Wash.            | 20.5  |
| 58. Middlebranch, Ohio          | 20.4  |
| 59. Kokomo, Ind.                | 19    |
| 60. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)     | 18.42 |
| 61. York, Pa.                   | 18.39 |
| 62. Leon, Iowa                  | 17    |
| 63. Wooster, Ohio               | 15.7  |
| 64. Winchester, Va.             | 15.5  |
| 65. Norton Village, Ohio        | 14    |
| 66. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)   | 13    |
| 67. Fremont, Ohio (Grace)       | 12.5  |
| 68. San Diego, Calif.           | 10.6  |
| 69. Taos, N. Mex.               | 10.4  |
| 70. Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)   | 8.41  |
| 71. Altoona, Pa. (Grace)        | 8.40  |
| 72. South Bend, Ind.            | 8.3   |
| 73. Akron, Ohio (First)         | 8.1   |
| 74. Duncansville, Pa.           | 7.8   |
| 75. Washington, Pa.             | 6.93  |
| 76. Homerville, Ohio            | 6.91  |
| 77. Listie, Pa.                 | 6.5   |
| 78. Cleveland, Ohio             | 6.3   |
| 79. Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)   | 6.01  |
| 80. Fillmore, Calif.            | 6.00  |
| 81. Beaver City, Nebr.          | 5.96  |
| 82. LaVerne, Calif.             | 5.1   |
| 83. San Jose, Calif.            | 4.8   |
| 84. Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)      | 3.5   |
| 85. Buena Vista, Va.            | 3.4   |
| 86. Ashland, Ohio               | 3     |
| 87. Jenners, Pa.                | 2.3   |
| 88. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio        | 2     |
| 89. Sidney, Ind.                | 1.97  |
| 90. Denver, Colo.               | 1     |



# THE NIGHT COMETH

Devotional Theme for May . . . by Mrs. Raymond Gingrich, Longview, Texas

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Our day to work for Him who sent us will soon be over. The lengthening shadows already cast their long fingers ahead of us. It is "high time that we awake out of sleep" and the lethargy which has settled like a numbing pall over us. Many today are merely going through the motions of serving the Lord. How can we be like that when the day demands so very much from us? Jesus must be saying, as He did when He trod the paths of earth: "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

## Our Covenant

We must never forget that when we met our Lord at Calvary, we made a *covenant* with Him. We promised to forsake all and follow Him. As the years pass, the seconds tick away, and our opportunities go forever from us, the record will have been made. How are we redeeming the time? How much do we love? Love is the key to service. Are we so immersed in the fleeting material things that we do not keep our vows? Could it be that our precious Lord is looking at us sadly and asking: "Lovest thou me more than these?"

## Our Commission

In the second place, we should be reminded that Jesus has never changed His marching orders. His words like a clarion call come today with as much force and certainty as when they fell on the ears of His

followers long ago, "Go ye!" This too, is *our commission*. He expects every Christian to heed this order.

There is a story which is told of a man who visited an art museum. He stood long before a sculptured figure which he could not understand. Finally, an attendant asked him what was troubling him. He answered that he would like very much to have someone explain the statue to him. The guide answered: "The statue's name is Opportunity. He has his eyes covered because men seldom recognize him when he comes. He has wings on his feet because he is fleeting, and when once gone can never be recalled." How often we sit around and wait for opportunities when lo, they are already present. It is even as it was in our Lord's day. Listen as He speaks to us today: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

## Our Comfort

Always we see that the Lord stands back of His commandments with precious promises. Even the most fearful may have peace because of these. Did He not say when He told us to go, "Lo I am with thee"? This, then, is our *comfort*. The mighty heroes of the faith were the ones who took God at His word. There would have been no God-given, earth-rending of the vital defenses of Jericho if there had not been a Joshua who looked to the God who said: "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be

not afraid neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Josh. 1:9). What task is too great, what burden too heavy, what grief too great to bear, if He is by our side?

## Our Crown

Also, there is the promise of reward for faithfulness. What is our joy? What is our *crown*? Paul wrote to his beloved ones at Thessalonica: "Ye are our glory and joy." Nothing can bring more joy to the faithful servant than the warming flood which fills the hearts of those who are used of the Lord to bring precious souls to Him. This is a crown which every Christian can win. Of all of the crowns which the Lord has to give, the soul-winner's crown must be the one which He likes most to bestow.

Yes; the night cometh. Are we ready for it? Have we kept our vows to Him? Can we truly say that we have been faithful to our *covenant*? Are we busy each day fulfilling our *commission*? If so, then we have known the *comfort* of His sheltering arms; we have felt the wonder of His presence. And so, as we pass into the night, which shall mean a glorious day with Him—or perchance wait expectantly for His coming—we need not be ashamed. We shall not go to Him with empty hands. What a privilege is ours! What greater honor could we have than to be used of Him to bring the lost with great joy into His presence. Oh, what a challenge! There can be no delay though. We must never forget that "the night cometh, when no man can work."

# AN EXPERIENCE

## THAT DREW ME CLOSE TO THE LORD

By Mrs. Harold Etling

Winona Lake, Indiana

"Oh, Harold, we're going!" I screeched.

"Going where?" you may ask. The incident which caused the outburst taught us how often our disappointments are His appointments, and certainly drew us nearer to Christ. Yes; it was this incident which changed the course of our lives.

We had been to the prayer service at our church at Marshallville, Ohio, which was about thirty-five miles from our home in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. It was a beautiful moonlight night, and as we stepped to the car after service, we observed that we had a flat tire. Harold changed the tire, left the one to be repaired with the promise we would pick it up after class meeting on Saturday night.

Mother had gone with us. We took her home, got to the main intersection of Akron, Ohio, when "bang" went another tire. We called the garage where we had an account, but the attendant was alone and could not service us until after the store closed at midnight. What could we do but wait?

The attendant brought the tire, helped Harold change it and we were all set—we thought! We drove about three miles and started to cross the High Level Bridge, which was frosted because of the rising moisture of the river beneath. Providentially we were going slowly as Main Street angled onto the bridge.

As I screeched "We're going," we slid across the highway, hit the curb-ing, and two more tires were gone! That is not all. We saw a line of cars coming toward us and knew they could do nothing but hit us. Eight cars piled up one against the other.

The impact threw our car out of line. Four tires and a wrecked car took the money we had saved to go to seminary.

How good God was! Not one

scratch or bruise for us, and of the eight cars only one passenger had a slight laceration.

I recall the tears of disappointment and perplexity that flowed over Harold's cheeks. He had saved money to go to a particular school. We realized then, and so much more now,

that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." You see, the school which we had desired to attend was liberal. Now the savings were gone. We could not go.

Very soon after the collision we led music at a tri-state convention. The speaker truly warmed our hearts, and for the first time we heard of The Brethren Church. How precious it has been to us since!

We immediately enrolled in the seminary and truly praise the Lord for His sparing us, and then so graciously showering blessings upon us.

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

#### AFRICA—

Mrs. Floyd W. Taber	July 8
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. Robert S. Williams	July 15
Batangafo via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. Donald G. Hocking	July 15
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
James Randall Hocking	July 20, 1954
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Miss Marian Thurston	July 24
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Wilma Esther Mason	July 25, 1955
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	

#### ARGENTINA—

Michael Stephen Marshall	July 12, 1951
Circunscripción 4, Sección 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.	
Sylvia Monica Fay	July 20, 1953
c/o Schrock, Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Gail Marie Bishop	July 22, 1952
I. Arias 3360, Castelar F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.	
Mrs. Solon Hoyt	July 29
Chiciana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.	

#### MEXICO—

Harold Douglas Haag	July 7, 1949
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	

#### PUERTO RICO—

Jacqueline Elaine Dickson	July 1, 1958
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico	

#### IN THE UNITED STATES—

Kenneth Paul Burk	July 3, 1961
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Bruce Austin Robbins	July 5, 1953
512 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey	
Miss Florence Bickel	July 10
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Dr. Austin Robbins	July 11
512 Washington Street, Cape May, New Jersey	
Dr. Orville D. Jobson	July 11
Box 420, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Mrs. Orville D. Jobson	July 21
Box 420, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Miss Lois Ringler	July 30
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Carol Ann Miller	July 31, 1947
221 Cloverdale Avenue, Modesto, California	



## "Underdeveloped" Defined in Brazil

In the February issue of the *Reader's Digest*, the first article is entitled "What It Means To Be Underdeveloped." When we read the article here in Brazil, that imaginary family took on flesh and blood, and we knew their names. Illness brought me in close contact with one such family for a day, and the facts and figures of the article became even more real.

This family is much better off financially than any other family of our church here on Cotijuba island. The husband is a fisherman, as are many others, but he seems to know how to manage his affairs well and supply "well" for his family. They live in a new wooden house with a tile roof. This is unusual because most of the families here have simple homes made of palm thatch or mud. The new house is built up off the ground and has a wooden floor. Most of the island homes have only mud floors or at best a rough uneven floor made of split palm logs. The front room still lacks the walls but a nice bedroom and dining room have been enclosed. The kitchen is a large, unenclosed area at the back of the house with a floor of palm logs. The furniture consists of six chairs comparable to our dining room chairs but used in the living room, a china closet, an alarm clock, one bench, and a plain table unpainted and unadorned by any kind of tablecloth. A new sewing machine was their latest purchase. There are no closets; all the clothes are kept in one small trunk. Except for the table and bench all the other furniture is missing from most of our believer's homes. You will notice that I am talking only of our believers. Most of the unbelievers are in worse condition because the little that the husband earns is so often spent on sugarcane rum, gambling, and so forth.

I was called to this neighbor's home at night when the wife became ill eight days after the birth of her eighth child. Since the living room was not yet enclosed, it was not used as a sleeping room, so the ten members of the family plus a brother were

all sleeping in the two enclosed rooms—the men and two little boys in the dining room, and the wife and girls in the bedroom. In this room were five hammocks for seven people. The mother and new baby each had a hammock. One of the older girls, preferring to sleep on the floor rather than share a hammock with a younger sister, occupied a reed mat with a pile of rags for a pillow. None of the children had proper sleeping garments. In the late afternoon they had bathed and put on clean clothing. Unless they went to school or away from home on some errand, they would wear those same clothes through the next day until bath time



By Mrs. Bill Burk

again. The mother had made herself two new cotton gowns in preparation for her delivery. Otherwise, she too would have slept in some old dress.

Diapers for the newborn baby consisted of pieces of worn-out dresses and pants of the other members of the family. Its other clothing was that which had been carefully kept from one baby to the next. This mother keeps shorts on her little boys, but it isn't uncommon to see boys five and six years old naked except when they go away from home.

The lovely new china closet was very poorly furnished. There were seven jelly glasses I had given them, a few odd cups, and a tin plate

apiece. For silverware there was a soup spoon each. A small teakettle, a half dozen pans, and some cans completed the kitchen utensils with a jungle knife which served many purposes.

Food for this family for one day consisted of coffee for breakfast, coffee for nine o'clock snack, boiled fish and manioc flour for lunch, coffee at four o'clock, and coffee and a boiled root similar to a potato for supper. During the day, the children pieced on fruit and manioc flour. Fruit is fairly abundant on this island and I am convinced that this is what keeps them alive, for there certainly were no vitamins in anything else they ate.

It's possible your first thought on reading this has been: "What can I do?" However, money, food, and clothing cannot be sent to this family because they are but one of a multitude. The family has already received from us that which is most important—a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. But, not far from us there is another lady who is also very ill. She fears she may die and there is no peace in her heart. She is terrified, and when she tries to sleep, she sees the ghosts of dead friends and relatives coming for her. Even though our hearts are sad at the thought of our Christian neighbor dying and leaving behind those eight little children, the plight of our unsaved friend is much greater. There is hope for her because she has a good Christian neighbor who is trying to help.

There is also a Brazilian pastor for this island. When the missionary leaves, a gospel witness will continue and this lady and others like her can hear the Gospel as long as they are willing to listen. But what of those who suffer not only the sorrows brought on by poverty and ignorance, but also the fears that grip the heart at the thought of death because they have no hope beyond the grave. What can you do? About the poverty and ignorance, nothing; about the fear, you may pray and send us reinforcements.



# DEPENDENT ON THE LORD

By Mrs. Charles Lawson

*Berrien Springs, Michigan*



Sometimes the Lord uses very unusual circumstances in the lives of various individuals as means of drawing them particularly close unto himself. On the other hand, there are other individuals who appear to lead rather ordinary lives that seem to adhere rather closely to the average beaten paths of human experiences. Yet it is quite possible for the Lord to utilize common experiences in His dealings with His children.

The particular experience which I shall perhaps always recall as a time when I felt extremely dependent upon the Lord happened just about two years ago. Perhaps the combination of circumstances is not such a frequent occurrence; yet the individual situations are some which many of you readers have no doubt experienced yourselves at one time or another.

After four years of marriage, while my husband was finishing college and attending seminary and I was teaching school, we were finally looking forward to his last year of schooling. When this year was completed, he hoped to have a pastorate waiting for him; our finances were planned so that he wouldn't need to work his senior year and we could still leave debt-free with even a little extra to begin our new life; and finally, I could take a vacation from teaching and devote a few years to being a full-time mother for the children we hoped to have.

Everyone has plans; where would any of us be if we didn't? even though they don't always work out according to our own blueprint! As Christians we know that the Lord had His perfect plan for our lives. When we pray that His will might

be accomplished in and through us as His children, we may often discover that segments of our lives seem to take a different course from what we had planned and anticipated. Perhaps oftentimes that course involves a lot more difficult situations than we would ever have planned for ourselves.

As we now look back on the past, it would really have been simple enough for our own plans to have worked out. We were looking forward to serving the Lord in whatever place we felt He would be leading. We were already seeking to serve Him and also gain valuable experience for the future through the student pastorate which my husband held throughout seminary. We felt that the Lord had taught us many valuable lessons, and undoubtedly He had. But we were praying that He would direct in His own good time concerning our future service for Him when schooling would be completed.

I truly believe that our experiences during the last semester of school must have been designed primarily to teach us what utter dependence on the Lord really meant. We were preparing to become leaders among the Lord's people; we would be advising others to trust the Lord to meet their every need. We had heard many other students tell how the Lord had supplied real needs for them, but we had experienced a reasonable amount of security without literally having to trust the Lord to know where the next dollar might be coming from just for the necessities of life, and for this we were very grateful. We could always make out by cutting out unnecessary spending

and find some extra work for awhile.

Then came the last semester of school. There was no more steady income from teaching because we were expecting an addition to our family the end of April. Most of our bills and payments were not due to be paid off until June. Jobs were hard to find at that time, but particularly so for a student who expected to graduate and leave in only a few months. We learned that the Lord truly is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). We marveled at His leading and His provision for us from week to week and month to month. Once He provided a job for a whole month, other times just odd and part-time jobs. He provided the strength for my husband to work and still finish up his full schedule at school. He provided ways and means for putting off some financial obligations until school was over and we should be relocated with a regular salary once again.

But as the school year came nearer and nearer to an end, this became another area in which we had to learn to put our full trust and confidence in the Lord. The month of May came, and we still had no leading about where to go after graduation and no steady work to depend on until the Lord should show us His place of service. We learned to appreciate more fully than ever before such promises as "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Ps. 37:5), and "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart" (Ps. 27:14). It was not until a month after graduation that we felt the Lord's leading to our present field of service. Such a time of uncertainty sometimes seemed like a rather trying experience, but it was also a time when we were drawn to the Lord in such a way as we had never experienced before.

Then finally, during this time our son was born. The presence of this child in the home has constantly served to remind us how much we need to trust the Lord daily for strength, patience, and wisdom. I often thank the Lord that I have been able to stay at home with our child

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## WMC News

**INDIANA DISTRICT.** On March 29, nearly 200 persons visited the seven mission points of The Brethren Church as they took a "Flight to Foreign Missions" at the Indiana District WMC Fellowship Fair Festival held in the Grace Seminary Building. The theme was "Kept by the Power of God in Love in Leisure" (Mark 6:31).

A booth was constructed for each field which contained curios, maps, pictures, and other articles depicting the work of that particular field. It would be very difficult to choose between these booths as to the best one or the most interesting and informative one. Many folks commented on the African booth where Misses Byron, Bickel, and Snyder were "performing"—the missionary (Miss Byron) was teaching a heathen lady (Miss Bickel) to read John 3:16 and they were dressed the part! By the way, Miss Bickel did learn to read John 3:16 in a different language that night because Miss Byron taught her a different dialect than the natives used where Miss Bickel worked. While this lesson was in progress, Miss Snyder told us of the work among the natives, especially with regard to literature, but I am afraid she had pretty stiff competition while she was speaking. Other missionaries present for the evening's festivities were Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Mrs. Rose Foster, Mrs. Floyd Taber, the Don Spanglers, and the J. Paul Dowdys.

On our return flight, we were served the following to represent the various points we had visited: French bread, France; corned beef, Argentina; corn chips, Mexico; peanuts, Africa; pineapple upside down cake, Puerto Rico; punch, Hawaii; and coffee, Brazil.

The offering of the evening was \$95 which was given to Foreign Missions—of course!

—Mrs. Robert W. Deloe

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT.** WMC Winter Missionary Conference. Monday night, February 11, the WMC

women and their families gathered together in the Inglewood church for a great missionary conference.

Rev. Harold Painter of the Montclair church led the 213 women and men present in the singing of "I Love To Tell the Story," and then opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Schlange presented Dr. Russell Barnard, who in turn presented the missionaries present: Dr. Floyd Taber from Africa, going back in July, the Lord willing; Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig, just returned from Brazil; Rev. Tom Julien from France; Mrs. Albert Balzer, who returned to Africa February 17; Rev. Eddie Miller from Brazil; and Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Guereña, who went to Mexico in March.

Each of the missionaries was questioned as to his work on the field, and asked to give a prayer request. What a challenge this was. If we prayed as we ought and for all the needs of each field, we would be on our knees before the Lord continually.

Mrs. Balzer sang beautifully, "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want."

After the business of the evening, Mrs. Robert Firl was introduced as the new district SMM patroness. Mrs. Baldwin, the pianist for the evening, left the piano and played a lovely marimba duet with Mrs. Wade. Just before Brother Julien showed his pictures of France, Mr. and Mrs. Don McNeely sang, "Surely, goodness and mercy."

We were challenged anew by the great need in France—for missionaries and funds to spread the Gospel to a very needy people. We were told that out of 46 million people only two percent go to church and over half the population is under twenty years of age. Mr. Julien stressed the need of property for a youth camp and asked us to pray that the Lord would supply this need. He then closed in prayer, and we were admonished once more to pray for our missionaries. Mrs. Schlange adjourned the meeting, and sent us to our homes praising God for His goodness in keeping us by His Power, and knowing we must work and give, for the time of our redemption draweth nigh.

Helen Soverns, Asst. District Secy.

## Dependent . . .

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in his early years and observe the wonderful way a little life grows, develops, and learns. This has been a continuing experience of drawing me closer to the Lord day by day as I am sure it is for many other mothers and fathers.

I trust that we will never, for long, become so bogged down with the vicissitudes and adversities of life and the aggravations of everyday living that we overlook the wonderful privilege and responsibility that is ours of observing and overseeing the physical and spiritual development of the children which the Lord has entrusted to our keeping. The thought of this awesome responsibility often serves to humble me before the Lord and causes me to realize my need for continual dependence upon Him.

## NOTICE

The new program packets, which will be mailed early in June, can be sent only to those councils who reported their officers, on the statistical blanks sent in last summer. If you have changed officers, or if officers have changed their addresses, or if you are a new council not yet reported, please send the names and addresses of your president and second vice president (program chairman) to

Mrs. Robert Griffith  
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Philadelphia 11, Pennsylvania

## THANKS

to all the councils who are using the treasurer's slips. These slips are in the Devotional Packets which are sent to each council. I wish all the councils would use these slips.

Mrs. Robert Ashman  
National Financial  
Secy.-Treas.

## KEEP LOOKING UP . . . IN STATISTICS

By Miss Gail Jones

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3

# KEEP LOOKING UP



Paul the apostle tells us to be statistically minded in II Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Now the Lord intended His Word for all His children regardless of land or color, and this includes His African children, as well as Christians here in the United States.

We are told that we should be statistically minded in study. Christian girls in Africa are to study even as Christian girls in other lands. Perhaps the girls of other lands have advantage over African girls in that they are taught to read and write. There is still a great shortage of teachers, but we do praise the Lord for the Christian teacher who has dedicated his or her life in teaching for the Lord in the land of Africa.

As we see our African Christian girls applying themselves in the study of reading and writing, we know that the Lord will bless and enrich their lives. Through the effort they put forth in learning to use these valuable tools, they become more effective witnesses for Him.

Our second statistic. Paul tells us that we should study for the purpose of showing ourselves "approved unto God." There is only one way by which we can have God's approval upon our lives as girls in America or Africa, and that is by taking Jesus

as our Saviour from sin. Once this has been done, then we must follow Him in our daily living. We are told to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly. We can only have this Word of Christ dwelling in us when we study it daily and obey its teachings.



Miss Gail Jones

In Africa our Sunday-school quarters have sections to be worked out daily concerning the lesson for the following Sunday. It's really a blessing to see our SMM girls using their fingers through the art of writing. This is one way they learn His Word and thereby apply it to their lives.

Paul gives us the third statistic by telling us to be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

An African girl is up very early every day, she has much to do before the day ends. There are always younger children who need care and attention; there is always the work in the gardens. There are back-

breaking hours of hard work. This is work in which every member of the family must take part in order to have the bare necessities of life.

African girls must also learn a little about cooking and housekeeping. It is a common sight as one passes through the villages to see some girl sweeping out her home. This is a big job because her home has a dirt floor. Of course it is packed dirt, but it still gets dirty and must be swept.

During the rainy season there are always the ants to be gathered in for good eating. After all who wants to miss that? The girls take a little basket in which they place a sticky substance, dig a hole in the ground, place the basket as the ants attempt to fly out of the ground. The girls always tell us that these ants are so tasty. They tear the wings from the ants and eat many of them at the time they collect them. Then they take the rest of their catch home to be fried in peanut oil and eaten.

An African Christian girl must not fail in carrying out her duties for two reasons: First, if she fails in doing her share of the work, then it may mean a heavier work load upon another member of the family; secondly, if she fails to be a good worker, then who of her family will believe her testimony for the Lord? She must prove herself "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" in the daily tasks which are hers in order that



she may never be ashamed to present her testimony for Jesus to her loved ones.

Just as girls in America like to have their hair neat and pretty, so do African girls. But, alas, they do not have the beauty parlors or tonics we have. They follow the "do it yourself" plan with each other. This getting "beautified" on the top of their heads takes just as much time for an African girl as it does for one in the States, and it does require lots and lots of patience. The hair must be combed and parted into millions of little roads, and then it is braided in each parted section all over the head. If a friend does this job for an African girl, she must be ready to return the favor sometime.

While one is using her fingers in bringing the happiness of looking nice, one can also use her tongue to tell the love of Jesus, which can bring about that more important happiness that lasts forever in the human soul! This is another way in which the Christian girl of Africa can be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Paul's fourth statistic, "rightly dividing the word of truth," an African Christian girl also must learn. She has the opportunity to learn how to do this through the various classes which the church has for helping its members to a better understanding of the Bible. SMM plays a very important part in helping each SMM girl along this line.

As a Christian, she must learn to hide God's Word in her heart through study and memorization. She must let it be a "lamp unto [her] feet, and a light unto [her] path" in which she lives—life which is above reproach. This Word of God will keep His child from sin. She will give evidence of her faith in Christ by her life in the way she lives each day. She will no longer worship idols and spirits and she will be careful in all things in order that her testimony will be effective to her family, friends, and in the village where she lives.

As a child of God she no longer walks in darkness, but she has the light of the Gospel of Christ shining in her heart. Her utmost desire will be to share this "wonderful" news

## SMM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Calling all SMM girls to the National SMM Conference, August 12-18, Winona Lake, Indiana. Come and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of SMM.

### Wanted

A "picture gallery" for this special anniversary conference. Please send any and all pictures of SMM interest, past and present, to Joyce Ashman, national president. You are requested to put your name and address on each picture and pick them up after conference.

with others. She will take every opportunity to "rightly divide" this wonderful life-giving news with other girls that they too might come to know Him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Indeed we know many girls in Africa who have given evidence that they possess this new life and in turn share what God in Christ has done for them with other girls in their villages.

What a real joy it is when we see our SMM girls of Africa taking the leadership of their local village SMM groups, teaching and helping other girls to study to become workmen "rightly dividing the word of truth." When we realize that they must spend many hours each day in the work of the gardens and in the care of younger brothers and sisters, and many other duties, we are humbly thankful that they manage to attend as many classes and gatherings as they do.

Let every American SMM girl take statistical account of her own life in the light of our verse.

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## Reporting!

WASHINGTON, PA. The Junior and Middler girls have been enjoying the lesson materials for this year. The girls had the WMC ladies and their mothers as guests at the December meeting. Because of the weather the WMC and SMM had a combined meeting in February, which was a success. Afterward the women entertained the girls. Now this SMM is working on the district project to send a box to Sherry Lopez.

STERLING, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District rally was held here in March. Mrs. Leo Polman was the guest speaker. Her challenging message was fully testified to later by the girls. There were 172 present.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. The Junior SMM sponsored a mothers tea in September. Each girl has given a gift to the missionary chest, and studied most of The Brethren Church history, for they have a lesson at each meeting. One of the girls, Donna Hawbaker, has quoted Colossians.

ROANOKE, VA. The Senior SMM of the Patterson Memorial Church at Hollins have decided to buy two bulletin boards for their new church as a local project. Each girl has one or more penny partners from which to collect pennies each Sunday to pay for the boards. At Christmas they went caroling, delivered cookies and candies to shut-in folks. They always send a get-well card to any member of the church who is ill. Each girl is reading "Never a Dull Moment" and "We Believe."

## THE IDEAL YOUNG WOMAN

Have you ever heard this: "There's no point in her going to college. She'll just get married anyway, and then all that education is wasted"?

It may sound logical on the surface, but so have lots of other things sounded logical: "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down . . . He shall give his angels charge concerning thee"; "Get married and you won't have to worry about the future; your husband will take care of you."

I'd like to suggest to young women that this attitude is far more worldly than many of the worldly things you shun. The worldly attitude is not the desire to marry (that may be of God), but the lack of a sense of personal responsibility, the lack of a sense of stewardship for the life God has given to you. The young man may be flattered that you want to put yourself so completely in his hands, but he may later feel vaguely unsatisfied, cheated, and impoverished that you bring so little to the marriage besides your desire to be taken care of.

Although for most young women marriage is in God's will, the young woman who sees this as the ultimate goal is really spiritually shortsighted. Preparation of mind and heart will not only assure her radiant beauty on her wedding day, but will also give her maturity, stability, faith to look beyond possible adversities which may well occur in the marriage. It will prepare her to understand and love her husband through trials to be a real helpmeet to him, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. She will be mature and godly in raising her children, rather than superficially indulgent, and to take a place of influence and respect in her community so that her godly life may have an impact beyond the walls of her own home. Perhaps after her children are partly grown she can take a job outside the home, either for economic reasons or for altruistic motives.

In planning their lives, young men and women have a slightly dif-

By Miss Ava Schnittjer  
Dean of Women, Grace College

ferent problem. A young man chooses a career and plans his education with this choice in mind. Somewhere along the line he will probably meet "the girl" and sooner or later marriage will follow. But marriage for the young man doesn't change his career plans or alter his course. It's another step, another choice along the way.

On the other hand, when marriage interrupts the girl's preparation for a certain career, it causes what may seem a change in the direction of her life. But if she has vision, she'll see beyond the immediate situation; she'll see her responsibility to develop herself for God, for her husband, for others.

She'll see that she can be a more stimulating marriage partner if she can be intellectually challenging. A consistent study of the Bible and of all the fields of knowledge covered in a liberal arts education will give her perspective, balance, an independent dependence on God so that "the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." She'll see that if as a married woman she must work outside the home (as 50 percent of married women now do) she may choose her work with a sense of responsibility for God's will for her and responsibility for the stewardship of her life.

The ideal woman pictured in Proverbs 31 certainly didn't neglect her home (vv. 21-22, 27-28). But she was

also a business woman (vv. 16, 24); she did physical work (vv. 17, 19); she exercised her intelligence (v. 18). Her husband had a place of importance (v. 23), and she was not a drawback, but a compliment, to him (v. 26).

Because her motivation was not marriage, but the fear of the Lord, she made the most of the abilities God gave her.

Don't let a superficial logic short-circuit God's plan for you.

### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

1. Get your SMM group in the news. Items from the Southern Ohio and Southern California-Arizona Districts as soon as possible to the national editor.

2. Remember, election of officers is in June.

3. June 10 is the due date for your Brethren Foreign Missions offering. This offering is for the higher education of missionaries' children and the motor scooter for the Icoaraci (Brazil) Brethren work.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Miss Gail Jones that she will serve the Lord in the best way in the Africa Brethren Church.

2. Ask God to send forth more laborers for Africa—especially teachers.

3. Ask God to give you wisdom in making your summer count for Him.

4. Pray that you will be willing to obey your mother and father in every way.

### Suggested Program for June

#### Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Statistics"  
Junior—Miss Mary Ann Habegger  
Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker  
Senior—Mrs. Donald E. Cale

#### Memory Verse:

II Timothy 2:15

#### Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Africa"  
Miss Gail Jones

#### Emblem:

Fingers



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, Kenneth Ashman, pastor, presented a thirty-minute program of music and Scripture recorded by the Grace College Choir over station WWST on Easter Sunday evening.

**GOSHEN, IND.** New attendance records at Grace Brethren Church were 162 in Sunday school, and 157 in the morning worship service on Apr. 14. Five new members were received into the fellowship of the church. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Bob Collett, Brethren evangelist under the Board of Evangelism, reports that 190 decisions have been made in his meetings since Jan. 1.

**TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.** Robert L. Firl, pastor of the Temple City Brethren Church, has been approved for licensure by the ministerial examining board of the Southern California-Arizona District of Brethren Churches.

**PERU, IND.** Because of a change in Pastor John Evan's educational plans, he withdrew his resignation at a recent business meeting of the Peru Brethren Church. The church gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence to continue as pastor for the fourth year.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Grubbs, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Apr. 19. They have been members of the First Brethren Church for 52 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

**RIALTO, CALIF.** Guest speakers at the Rialto Brethren Church, Gerald Polman, pastor, on Apr. 7 were Dr. Floyd Taber, medical missionary

to Africa; and Edward Miller, missionary to Brazil.

**CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO.** After a 12 year ministry at the Grace Brethren Church, Richard L. Burch, tendered his resignation as pastor on Apr. 7. Future plans are indefinite.

**FINDLAY, OHIO.** Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, representing the Brethren Financial Planning Service, conducted a revival service at the Findlay Brethren Church during Mar. 17-24. Over 50 rededications and some first-time decisions were recorded. A stewardship conference was scheduled after the revival meetings, which resulted in a very successful tithing Sunday. Gerald Teeter is pastor.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** The Grace Brethren Church, Glen Crabb, pastor, concluded a successful spring Vacation Bible School Apr. 5 with an average attendance of 90. Eight junior students received the Lord as personal Saviour.

**LA VERNE, CALIF.** The guest speakers at First Brethren Church on Apr. 7 were Tom Julien, Brethren missionary to France; and Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society.

**PARAMOUNT, CALIF.** Dale O'Neal, son of Dr. and Mrs. Glenn O'Neal, is now youth director and choir director at the Paramount Brethren Church. Gene Klingler is pastor.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** The Sunday school of the Grace Brethren Church set a new attendance record for March with an average attendance of 465. Warren Tamkin, pastor.

**SOUTH BEND, IND.** Eleven people were added to the membership of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church on Apr. 7. Gene Witzky, pastor.

**CORDOBA, ARGENTINA.** Missionary Jack Churchill is showing some improvement from an attack of hepatitis. He and Mrs. Churchill have been living with Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock in Cordoba while Brother Churchill has been receiving medical treatment. Continued prayer is requested.

**ALBANY, OREG.** Nelson E. Hall has accepted the call to serve the Grace Brethren Church as pastor for the fifth year.

**ROANOKE, VA.** Scott Weaver, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind., concluded a series of evangelistic meetings at the Ghent Brethren Church on Mar. 20. Twenty-three decisions were recorded during the meetings. Kenneth Teague is pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** There were 393 in Sunday school and 390 in the morning worship service on Mar. 31 at the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Nathan Casement, pastor. These were the largest recorded attendances for these services in the history of the church.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** The Sunday-school record was broken at Grace Brethren Church on Apr. 14 with 446 in attendance. John Aeby, pastor.

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.** Easter Day attendances climbed to a new high of 627 in Sunday school, and 485 in the morning service at Grace Brethren Church, Ralph Colburn, pastor. At the Easter evening

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Fort Wayne, Ind.	May 5-12	Mark Malles	Bill Smith
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	May 5-12	Richard Burch	Nathan Meyer
Dryhill, Ky.	May 12-19	Evelyn Fuqua	Mason Cooper
Radford, Va.	May 15-26	K. E. Richardson	G. Lingenfelter
Martinsburg, W. Va.	May 15-26	Irvin Miller	Bob Collitt



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## Stewardship Ministry—a New Venture

Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman are representing the Brethren Financial Planning Service which is sponsored by Brethren Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Grace Seminary, and our other boards cooperating. This is a unified effort to acquaint our Brethren people with ways and means in which the Lord's work can be furthered by faithful stewardship. Brother Polman is qualified to give counseling concerning gifts, investments, annuities, trust funds, insurance beneficiaries, children's education funds, and putting God's will into your will. Pray for the conferences currently being conducted. The Lord is blessing and giving the Polman's a fruitful ministry.



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service 219, attended when 22 were baptized and received into the church. There have been over 125 public decisions recorded in the past 12 weeks of which about 50 were first-time confessions. There were 57 public decisions recorded during Jan. 25-Feb. 3. About 25 of these were first-time confessions. John Carrara was the evangelist. Then Feb. 28-Mar. 3, during the Harry Trover evangelistic meetings, the Lord blessed with nearly 50 more decisions of which about 12 were first-time confessions. There have been 53 baptisms so far this year. The Fort Lauderdale church broke the 500 attendance mark on Palm Sun-

day with 559 present. Every person in Sunday school was presented with a living palm tree about 15 inches high, already potted. There were 190 present for the Good Friday Communion Service for another record. A third Brethren church in Florida was begun on Apr. 21. This new church is located in the North Pompano Beach area.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Diana Kelders and Michael Speka, Mar. 30, at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

H. Leslie Moore, Sunnyside, Wash.

Leo Polman, Fallbrook, Calif.

H. Don Rough, Kittanning, Pa.

Harry A. Sturz, Winona Lake, Ind.

Charles W. Turner, Rittman, Ohio

Kenneth B. Ashman, Wooster, Ohio.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**MILLER, Mrs. Margaret**, a member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa., departed to be with Christ on Apr. 3. Francis Brill, pastor of Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., conducted the funeral services.

**BOWERS, Mrs. Lutie**, 92, a charter member and the oldest member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., slipped quietly away to be with her Lord on Mar. 11.

Warren Tamkin, pastor

**STEVENSON, Bobby**, age 13, died of accidental shooting on Apr. 12. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Ralph Colburn, pastor



# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Solon Hoyts in their busy schedule with many different matters to be cared for before furlough later this year.

PRAISE the Lord for the children saved through the Good News Clubs in Hawaii.

PRAY for the prison ministry in Puerto Rico, and for those who are studying the Bible courses given by our missionaries.

PRAISE God for a new testimony which Pastor Trinity of Saint Anthony Bay, Brazil, is helping to establish at Bay of the Sun. Pray for this work.

PRAY for safety for Miss Evelyn Schumacher as she comes home for a furlough this month.

## EVANGELISM

PRAY that our offering for evangelism will greatly increase this year. Offerings for evangelistic meetings held have fallen to a new low level necessitating a larger offering to make up the deficit.

PRAY for careful wisdom on the part of our Board administration that no mistakes be made. So many smaller churches are asking for meetings that our needs are increasing.

## COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

PRAY that all the students will complete their work successfully as the school year approaches its end.

PRAY for the commencement exercises during the week of June 2-6 that they may be a blessing.

PRAY now for next year's entering classes when young people are making their decisions as to which schools they will attend.

PRAY that the building project relating to the Girl's Dormitory and general dining hall may go forward with increased speed in view of the pressing need.

PRAY that the Lord's will may

be accomplished with respect to matter of regional accreditation for Grace College.

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the safety of our missionaries in Dryhill and Clayhole, Kentucky, during the worst flood in history there. Pray for the contacts that were made through this disaster.

PRAISE God for the sale of a portion of property in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and continue to pray for the sale of a piece of property in Barberton, Ohio.

PRAY for a harvest of souls from the many VBS contacts that will be made during the vacation months.

PRAY for the salvation of Jewish people attending the many classes at our Brethren Messianic Testimony.

PRAY for every detail to be worked out in the approaching building programs at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Margate, Florida.

PRAY for wisdom and guidance in the preparation of the home-missions offering materials for this year.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that every Sunday school will plan a strong summer program that will help to hold attendance high.

PRAY for a heart burden on the part of every Sunday-school leader that we may reach the unchurched of our local communities.

PRAY for the VBS opportunities of this summer, and that we may fulfill our responsibility in this area.

PRAY for the finalizing of plans for our National Sunday School Board.

PRAY that increased financial support might come to the National Sunday School Board.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for the planning of our

National Conference daily sessions.

PRAY for the newly formed Laymen's organizations.

PRAY for the completion of our financial projects.

PRAY for increased interest among our men in the national laymen's work.

PRAY for spiritual growth among our laymen.

## SMM

PRAY for the girls graduating from high school and college.

PRAY for the girls making decisions about entering college next year.

PRAY for the SMM local election of officers in June.

## WMC

PRAY for the nominating committee as they contact various women to fill the National offices.

PRAY that every officer will consider her office essential, and perform their duties as unto the Lord.

PRAY that all the project offerings will be sufficient to cover each need, and that our giving may be with a cheerful heart.

## YOUTH

PRAISE the Lord for decisions that have been made among young people.

PRAY for district camps that will begin next month. Begin to pray for National Camp in August.

PRAY for many high-school seniors who will be graduating soon, who are looking for direction in the matter of the Lord's will.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His evident blessing upon the printed ministry of The Brethren Church.

PRAY that Brethren Sunday-school literature will continue to provide strong Bible teaching for churches across our brotherhood.

PRAY that the proposed June 1 special prophecy edition of the Missionary Herald will prove to be a powerful tool in door-to-door visitation work.

# A "NEW BODY"

By J. W. Mellick

First Corinthians 15:35 to 58 and I Thessalonians 4:13 to 18 tell us of a new body suited for "above the earth" (a blessed hope), but how about a new body for "on the earth" according to Romans 12:1 to 21?

These feet that we have are so often slow to carry us to a place of needed prayer and they almost seem to refuse to go to a needy soul or

Christless home needing a witness or invitation! Would it be wrong to pray for more obedient ones?

Hands are something to be thankful for—wonderful specimens of God's handiwork! Look at them—they have served you well; they have made a livelihood and common enjoyment in life. But, look again, would "new hands" do less turning of the glossy pages of the secular magazine and the TV knob and enjoy the feel of Bible pages. These "old" hands often don't reach enough toward the throne of grace in praise and prayer, and also, it would be good to reach warmly and sincerely to another needy hand. For some, "new" hands might begin giving or sending tracts or Christian literature or friendly comforting and encouraging letters to the lonely. God can make "old" hands "new."

How is our vision? Maybe naturally perfect or made so by correction? But these eyes of ours at their best are so often shortsighted—not able to see beyond ourselves! How can Christian eyes be strangers to "the compassionate look?" Sometimes our eyes are prone to look too far while practically blind to nearby opportunities. Some eyes can't see the importance of the "little things" in life which are really never little. In these whirling, clamoring, Sodom-like days the Christian needs eyes that will fix themselves upon Jesus. A wrong or right look can spell the difference between victory and defeat!

Much the same can be said for our ears. So many things bid for their attention. "New" ears will become "deaf" to Satan's enticements and more keenly alert to God's whispers.

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# NEWS FROM BRETHREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Dorothy Moore

PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA

**"Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children"—our educational responsibility before God**

As school opened in September of 1962, activities were in full swing at Brethren Elementary. One hundred parents attended a coffee hour and 242 registered on the guest list for Parent-Orientation. Parents attended classes to become acquainted with the teacher and teaching materials.

New to our teaching staff this year, the Lord sent us a charming lady from Hong Kong, China. Miss Mei Lin Leung is now teaching the fifth grade. She is from Bob Hammond's China Peniel Church at Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Every year brings forth innovations in a school curriculum, and starting this year Mrs. Ina Prigmore is teaching Spanish in all seven grades. Mrs. Prigmore was a Missionary in Puerto Rico and speaks and writes this language fluently. Brethren Elementary is pleased with this educational phase, considering it of prime importance to teach the students this language with which to communicate with others in the Word of God.

Also new to our staff is Miss Griffith, who has come to fill the teaching need in the first grade, which was recently vacated by Miss Sally Sadler who is now Mrs. Charles Bearinger. Miss Griffith spent two years in Honolulu, Hawaii teaching and taking further schooling.

Our third-grade teacher remains the same although her name has been changed from Miss Virginia Eumurian to Mrs. Richard Buzzard. She is much beloved by her fellow teachers and pupils alike.

Our Parent Teacher Fellowship drive this year through the capable hands of Mrs. Eunice McLeish was quite successful. The project money received through this drive was in itself an exciting contest for the students, and funds are used to benefit the students and the school.

Each Friday, chapel is for all grades and a special speaker is arranged with participation by the students also.

The children's gifts to the Lord

Jesus at Christmas were used to help in the opening of the Brethren Missionary School at Capanema, Para, Brazil.

Our Glee Club of fifty-nine students under the direction of Miss Carleda Hutton, has excelled far above our anticipation in quality. It was one of the larger choirs represented at the California Association of Christian Schools Music Festival, held March 15, 1963 in Pasadena, California. More than one thousand people listened to this tremendous concert.

The Third Annual Track Meet was held in Whittier, California at

the Whittier Community Brethren School with four schools participating; namely, Inglewood, Whittier, Norwalk, and Paramount Brethren. Whittier placed first with 90 points, Paramount placed second with 71 points, Norwalk with 49 points, and Inglewood with 40 points. The students enjoyed these events, and the spirit and the sportsmanship were excellent.

Open House is an enjoyable event during which time the parents are able to view work and projects displayed in each of the student classrooms.

At each PTF meeting special

## *Meet a Teacher at Brethren Elementary*

June Findley was born in Los Angeles and came to Long Beach, California at the age of three. In her fifth grade of school, she attended a child evangelism class at the home of Mrs. Helen Goodall. Through Mrs. Goodall, June attended Brethren school and the First Brethren Church in Long Beach. June accepted Christ and was baptized by Dr. Charles Mayes when she was twelve years old. June graduated from the Brethren High School in 1956 and went on to Grace College, receiving her B.S. degree. In 1960, June received her Indiana Teaching Credentials. During her stay at Grace College, June spent several hours each week in the college library, gaining valuable knowledge for her teaching under the helpful guidance of Mrs. Mabel Hamilton, librarian at Grace College.

In 1960, June came to Brethren Elementary as a teacher for the second grade. She has been a much loved teacher by all who know her, especially her second graders who have filled her well-organized and lively classroom.

Miss Findley became Mrs. David Bond in July 1962. David will be

remembered by many as a Brethren High alumnus. In February 1963, David received his B.A. degree in Math at the Long Beach State College and is working toward a Masters in Math. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bond attend the North Long Beach Brethren Church.

Mrs. June Bond will retire this year due to a fondly awaited joy of a little tax deduction, expected in early May. June will be remembered as a fine friend to our beloved school.



Mrs. June Findley Bond

speakers delighted the parents with their messages from the Word of God and its application to the children and parents alike. Some of the speakers were Rev. Al Flory, principal of Whittier Christian High; Dr. Wallace Emerson, professor of Psychology at Biola College, La Mirada, Calif.; Mr. Ray Stripe, director of Trabuca Canyon Boys Camp.

Programs by the students of each grade were presented at each of the meetings, and music and stories portrayed by the students were a real joy to behold.

We are now awaiting the days of Easter at this writing. It is our fondest hope that each student during these days will think what Christ's death on the cross means to him. We who know Christ as our personal Saviour would diligently pray for those children to know that Christ's death and resurrection means everlasting life for all who believe.

We of the Brethren Elementary Parent Teacher Fellowship give our thanks to a wonderful Lord who has given us this fine Christian school, and a devoted Christian principal and staff.

# For Me

By Mrs. Ella Mae Plotner

For me the very God came down, took on himself a human form,  
Bore all the sting of sin and strife to give me everlasting life.  
He came to earth, a baby mild, He came as Mary's blessed child.  
He thrived, He grew to manhood's state to save me from sin's awful fate.  
It was for me He wept alone, it was for me His awful groan  
That God might spare the bitter pain, for me the Lamb of God was slain.  
For me the torturous cross He bore, for me the crown of thorns He wore.  
For me He hung 'twixt earth and heaven, for me His precious side was riven.

And His life-blood for me was spilled to save me from sin's dreadful guilt,  
For me in years that long have passed my suffering Saviour died at last  
For me the blessed dawn arose when Jesus triumphed o'er His foes.  
Threw off the garments of death's prison, prepared for His return to heaven.  
And shall His sacrifice be vain? why should I not His love proclaim?  
When God's own Son for me was sent, and God's great love bade me repent  
Grace to me He freely offered, eternal life to me He proffered.  
Myself and all I have to bring to Him, my all glorious King.

To me the Comforter He sent to guide me in the way He went,  
To comfort me in hours of grief, and give my heart His blest relief.  
Without His love my life is vain, without His presence, loss and pain.  
Prostrate I fall before His face, recipient of His wondrous grace.  
I'll walk with Him within the way, I'll talk with Him from day to day;  
His blessed Word I'll gladly read, and to His promises take heed.  
For me one day His trump He'll sound, and with His children the earth  
around  
We'll rise with Him to realms above and bask in His eternal love.

## A New Moody Compact Book—

### WHAT CAN TONGUES DO FOR YOU?

By Don W. Hillis

Here is a sane and Scriptural examination of the growing trend today toward a revival of miracles, healings, and tongues. The search for a deeper Christian experience is sweeping through Protestant churches all across our Nation. There is a cry for deliverance from profession without possession, from a cold formalism which lacks the warmth of first love. The general apostasy of the church from the person of Christ and the power of God is prevalent everywhere. A great revival is needed. But here is the problem. Some are advocating that the solution lies in turning our attention to supernatural signs. They suggest that a revival of miracles, healings, and tongues will provide the answer.

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# Youth Page

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Rev. Dean Fetterhoff

## BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Brethren Youth Conference for 1963 will be held August 11-18 in Winona Lake, Indiana. The theme for this year's conference is the same theme as we had for National Youth Week, "ON CALL." Several "new" things will be featured this year, one of which will be the first Brethren Basketball Tournament. Any local church may enter a basketball team. The only requirement is that they must be teen-agers, and active members of the youth group in the church. Several teams are planning to come already, and we are looking forward to having a few more join us. It should be a very interesting week.

The Bible Hour speaker for this year will be Rev. Dean Fetterhoff,

the district missionary of the Indiana district, now working in the greater Chicago area in the establishment of new churches. Other speakers, plus Christian films, a gigantic fun-spiration, National Achievement Competition, fagot service, and Saturday night Youth Rally, combine to make this a great conference program. We are looking forward to the largest conference yet for Brethren youth.

The cost for the full week will be only \$26. This will include all meals, lodging, program materials, and insurance. Another added feature this year will be several workshops co-sponsored by our Youth Council and the National Sunday School Board, especially geared for youth and youth workers. Plan to attend the complete conference. See you there.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS THAT FAIL!

Much interest has been stirred over the recent national survey of the NSSA Youth Commission on "Why Do Teens Quit Church?" From time to time we will relate some of this information that was gathered concerning teen-agers who have dropped out of church, and their reasons for doing so.

These teen-age dropouts, of whom 56 percent were professing Christians, have expressed much discontent over youth programs. 28.8 percent said that they are unplanned and disorderly. 26.6 percent said that they are on uninteresting subjects. Others stated that the problem with youth meetings were poor adult leadership (15.5 percent), lack of variety (15.5 percent), and no serious study of the Bible (13.3 percent).

A sixteen-year-old Phoenix boy, who went for six months but quit mainly because he was pressured to attend, gave these provocative words: "I did not like the weekly youth meetings because we spent too much of our time planning social events, and not enough time was spent on studying the Bible." These are certainly enlightening words for us to ponder. What are your programs accomplishing? The reasons given above are sure ways to have youth programs that will fail. Next month we will look at the age when youth quit church, and the family backgrounds of those teen-agers who are dropping out of church.



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# HERALD



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- An Expanding Sunday School — an Expanded Building





# Editorials

By L. L. Grant



## Crime in Our Capital

*Human Events* carried an article recently which was very revealing and alarming at the same time. The title ran, "Muggings, Assaults, Rapes Shock Capital Society." It has been consistently true that our capital city has recorded a high rate of crime annually. But women in all walks of life are now finding it increasingly difficult to protect themselves from murderous males. This is a much talked about subject in all circles.

Betty Beale, who writes the most widely read Washington society column is quoted by *Human Events*. "This columnist is a native-born Washingtonian who has been going around socially since her late teens, but never before in her life has she heard the assault of one's friends discussed at feminine luncheons where new and horrifying evidence piles up the minute the subject is brought up."

"There was a granddaughter of a Washington official who was attacked around noon in her own apartment by two men who broke her nose when she screamed . . . Her front doorbell rang and they bolted, leaving her in a state of shock."

"There was the retired minister's wife who was raped and whose name, like that of other women, was withheld from publication."

The article emphasizes that this condition has become so serious that women have devised ways to protect themselves. Tear gas is being sold over the counter in fountain-pen size. Little but loud sirens powered by a battery are carried in the purse.

One woman remarked that Washington has become the proving ground for all human rights except the right of law-abiding citizens to be protected in their own homes.

This is the capital of the United States, not of some uncivilized nation.

Our challenge to build Gospel-preaching churches increases!



## COVER PHOTO

Breaking ground and breaking records is Ralph J. Colburn, a Californian, who was called of the Lord to Florida and responded.

It is rather significant in view of the above and other startling information on America's degeneration that we write—

## Brethren Home Mission Offering Does Not Meet Budget

The home-mission offering year for 1962-1963 closed March 31. The income for the twelve months preceding was \$230,000. The budget figure for the same period, which had been further drastically curtailed by the board, in August 1962 was \$240,000. This means that \$10,000 was added to the deficit of the Brethren Home Missions Council this past year.

The Brethren Home Mission board is extremely grateful to all who have prayed and given toward the extension of our Lord's testimony in America. The prayers and gifts have produced fruit in souls, new church buildings, and young people moving into Christian service at home and abroad. God has been bountiful in His blessings. As Brethren people read the pages of this magazine they will see glowing reports of Brethren home-mission victories in each issue. You who help us with your gifts make these advances possible. Thank you for your help.

The need for new Brethren churches in America increases with the passing of each moment. This is true from every standpoint. It is certain that our Lord desires that we should look on this growing mission field as an additional challenge and do more to meet this spiritual need.

In view of this, it may be well for all of us to think about the future of Brethren Home Missions this next year especially. When our budget is not met, this means many things which have long effects.

It means that further curtailment will be necessary in next year's budget. This will affect many aspects of the work adversely.

It means that the forty-six mission points we now have, many of which are at an early stage in their development, cannot be helped as they should be.

It means that we cannot pay off any part of our deficit which has plagued our church extension program for a number of years. In this area inflation will hurt us even more.

It means that no new Brethren churches can be supported by the Brethren Home Missions Council in the 1963-1964 year. This is a great tragedy!

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It means that some young men prepared for the ministry of the Word in America cannot be supported in this task.

It means that many Brethren people, isolated from a Brethren church, who want help to start a new church in their own community will be deeply disappointed and discouraged because we must say "No" to their pleas for help for another year. Some of these people will leave the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches permanently and join other churches.

It means that opportunities for church extension are lost which can never be reclaimed.

It means that more than a dozen "unborn" Brethren

churches will not be contributing workers or financial support to our total Brethren testimony.

It means less glory to God and Jesus Christ whose love and grace continually reach out for lost men.

It means that God will be limited in His circle of activity through The Brethren Church.

These are heart-searching considerations, and we believe that our churches want to share these burdens, as well as our joys and victories, with us. We are your servants in extending the church. We will do all that you make possible.

In the last analysis it is the Lord's work. We must commit it to Him.



# MARGATE MOVES FORWARD!

Ground was broken on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963, and Pastor Dean Risher welcomed 193 to the special service. Rev. Ralph Colburn, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, brought a special message. A young man got a special privilege in helping break the ground for the new Margate Church. Turn the page for further details.





# Margate Move

By Dean Risser, pastor

The Grace Brethren Church of Margate, Florida moved forward another step on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1963, when ground was broken for a new building program. The event took place on the fourth anniversary of the church. It began as a branch of the Fort Lauderdale church and was known as the Graceview Brethren Church before relocating in the Margate development.

The pastor and pioneer of the first Grace Brethren Church in the State of Florida, Ralph Colburn, was chosen for the special speaker. He brought a large delegation of his members with him, which helped to swell the attendance to a figure of 193.

Among the distinguished guests was the Mayor of Margate, Edward Alexander. He brought greetings for the city and expressed his pleasure that we had chosen Margate for a church site. Mr. Alexander pledged the help and protection of the city and wished us well.

Mr. Arthur Rude, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Church, was chosen to do the architectural designing of the new building to be erected on the Margate location.

The location is within a part of the four square mile area to be developed as Margate Estates. Already over 150 homes have been built in the development.

The building committee chosen by the church is composed of Mr. Fred Bower, Mr. James Simmons, and Mr. Charles Wright. They have already assisted in forming the preliminary plans and will continue to serve until completion of the building. In addition to this committee getting their hands on the ground-breaking shovel, the following also had their opportunity: Mrs. Austin Munch who has been with the work from the beginning; Rev. Ralph Colburn and Tom Johnson who pioneered the branch idea, and Michael Nardolillo, representing the Sunday school.

#### LEGEND

Top down: Greetings from the Mayor, Edward Alexander; greetings from Pastor, Carl Bengert, of the Broadview Baptist Church; and greetings from Art Rude, the architect.





# Forward

The new building program is to begin soon and will cost in the neighborhood of \$26,000. The figure will be kept down by voluntary help from the local church and the mother church. The church now meets in a township hall.

## Margate Moves Forward— Dream Comes True

By Rev. Ralph J. Colburn

Four years ago when we began the branch church, which is now the Grace Brethren Church of Margate, we did not anticipate that it would take us this long to build a building! But changing patterns of the Florida economy thwarted earlier efforts, and it seemed that the Devil himself was determined to discourage us.

But the reality of a permanent building is now in sight, and it was a happy occasion for us to participate in the ground breaking, and to assure the congregation there of a gift of at least \$1,000 for their building by the time the foundation is completed! I believe we'll be able to invest some "sweat equity" in their building with volunteer labor, too!

It was just about seven and one-half years ago that we broke ground, and with the people from our church the attendance at Margate's service was about five times greater than ours. Now that Margate is getting established we think it's high time to start another church in Florida, and you'll be hearing about the new North Pompano Church real soon.

Easter Sunday was truly a glorious day for us with the ground breaking and the blessings of our services. We had 627 in Sunday school, and 485 in the morning service with six first-time confessions of Christ. We had 219 in the evening service, and I baptized another twenty-two people to tie the March 10 record of baptisms in one service.

### LEGEND

Top down: "Ladies first" and Mrs. Austin Munch with the first shovel of dirt; the building committee—James Simmons, Charles Wright, Fred Bower, with pastor Risser. Bottom: Rev. Dean Risser leading in singing the doxology.





# In Trouble With Troublesome Creek

By Robert Dell

About 7:30 p.m. March 11, today's Noah in the person of the local garage man came by to warn us of a coming flood. He went up and down the road alerting everyone. Several laughed at him, and replied: "It never came this high before, and it won't this time." Like Noah's contemporaries, these people soon regretted their folly. Some even came close to losing their lives.

My oldest boy Jonnie and I stopped the job we were doing in the garage, and checked old Troublesome Creek. Sure enough, she was climbing the bank about a foot an hour, so we went into action. Our first job was to evacuate Sugar, the pony Grandad gave the boys. Since her little barn was on low ground, we took her up to the neighbor's hillside shed. Then began the chore of transferring her hay, two bales at a time on the little red wagon. By this time the yard was a swamp, and we were drenched with the pouring rain.

While we were doing this, two damp strangers sought refuge at the parsonage. One was Kentucky's Budget Director from Frankfort, the other his sister from Lexington. They had been summoned to Hazard because their father had a heart attack. A little past the house their car had drowned out from splashing through deep puddles. They walked back to the parsonage where they dried themselves a little and got warmed up with hot coffee.

We finished our job and started after their car. They had left it high and dry, but when we got there, water was over the floorboards! A suitcase and purse left on the floor had to be literally "poured out." We had to come back and get old Jim the jeep, who in spite of his age and rheumatics agreed to cooperate and pull the car to our place. (Jim was a gift from SMM years ago.)

By now Old Troublesome, who at this time was over fifty feet below the yard, was pouring in all the basement windows, sounding like a rushing waterfall, only below our feet it wasn't a welcome sound! I descended to the basement, followed by Kentucky's Budget Director, with trouser legs rolled up and barefoot. We waded over to the well pump and pulled that motor; then took out the furnace motor and brought both motors to higher ground.

The final job with the help of our stranded guests and a few neighbor men was to set up furniture and carry small things upstairs. We put the organ and piano up on the platform at church. The freezer, refrigerator, piano, divan, chairs, and so forth were cared for the best we could under these circumstances.

Our three older boys helped earlier, but finally gave up and went to bed after demanding solemn promises that we would get them up before they were washed away. About 4:30 a.m. we routed the sleepy trio out. They had changed into clean clothes before going to bed in preparation for the transfer. Then mother went upstairs and carried out the one least concerned by this wearying night—seven-month-old Andrew. He had had a good night's sleep, so he had a gay time from then on, and cheered and entertained us during our weary day of waiting that followed the night of labor.

The next job was to transfer the vehicles to higher ground. The water was washing across the highway bridge and starting to cover the road. Last year when the water reached a brandnew height, it had just come up to the bridge. (Now Troublesome is back home, 26 feet below the bridge!) The bus had already been taken care of by the bus driver, Marion Landrum, before his

cornfield became a lake. His wife was stranded across the former cornfield and road, and next morning he rowed across and brought her from the home of Mize Landrum's (parents of the former pastor, Sewell) where she spent the night after coming from work in Jackson. We were left with "Jim" to rescue, our car and the neighbor's truck. The disabled car of our guests had to be left in the middle of the road where only the very center was visible at the height of the flood.

Then we waded in, and all sat around the welcome warmth of the neighbor's heating stove. The only light available was from our kerosene lamp and the stove. The electricity and telephones had gone out in the middle of the night. Soon our hostess fried bacon and eggs on the heating stove, made coffee on it, and we all enjoyed breakfast. From then on different ones took turns lying down a while on the available beds (there were 11 of us in a home for three, so it was a little crowded). We watched the water as it began to slowly recede. We had a good view of Sugar's barn, or rather the roof, which was all that was visible above the water. The entire church yard was afloat. It looked as if the water had surely reached both church and parsonage, for it was lapping at all the doors. However, the Lord graciously kept it out. The basement was full while last year only three steps had been covered. The church basement and furnace were covered. The Sunday-school house had a foot of water in it. As Troublesome started home, she left her deposits of mud on everything—walks, yard, floors, garage. All were slimy and gooey messes. The basement with all its shelves finally got a thorough cleaning in the week or so it took to clear the premises of the flood.

Although the highway in front



here was clear that afternoon, and the way to Hazard was soon passable, it was days before the highway was open all the way to Jackson, our nearest town about fifteen miles away. A Civil Defense "duck" (amphibious tank) brought a staggering load of clothes neatly boxed, which had been donated by the people of Lexington, Kentucky. Our ladies had the huge job of unpacking, sorting, and distributing it to those in need. This was done with much good will, and really very smoothly under the circumstances. Some people had nearly everything they owned ruined, for the water had come up so fast and to such unprecedented height. Our school principal had his house knocked off the foundation and covered. Many swinging bridges, some of them new and very well built, were washed out. The school had not only its basement room, which was filled last year, but also main floor classroom filled to the

windows, thus destroying many teachers' labor and materials, as well as textbooks and pupil's things. The cupboards were pulled off the walls in the kitchen, and the floor crumpled. Our school and one other were hit hardest of the whole county, and had to be closed the longest. Now the children are reluctantly making it up by going some Saturdays in order to get out the second week of June.

Debris scattered along the banks was unbelievable. The closest liquor place (in the next county, for Breathitt is dry) was burned and washed away. Some of us wasted no grief over it, but many others turned fisherman! One teen-age girl told her parents that if they didn't start reading their Bible, going to church, and doing right, God might have to do something worse to them. So we praise the Lord for even trouble with Troublesome Creek if it causes eternal values to be shown in their true light.

Former Kentucky flood debris picture



## Home Mission Field Reports

**TAOS, N. MEX.** (Sam Horney, missionary). Brethren Youth from five states gathered for a Spring Fellowship Youth Rally at Colorado Springs. High schoolers from the Grace Brethren Church of Albuquerque, eighteen strong, joined the Taos delegation of seven. The Albuquerque group stayed overnight at the Brethren Guest House before going on to Colorado. The purpose of the rally was to run the play-offs of spiritual and musical talent for national competition that will take place at the Brethren Youth Conference, Winona Lake, Indiana in August. Seven Taos youths will take part.

**HATBORO, PA.** (William Steffler, pastor). Of course Suburban Brethren had its best Sunday yet on April 14. Our goal in Sunday school was "163 by Easter 1963" and we had 172. The morning worship service was just four short of the Sunday school with 168 present. We received three members into the church in the morning making a total membership of eighty-nine. One year ago Easter when we arrived the membership was forty-nine. We also had four first-time confessions among our young people. We have three to five ready for baptism.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.** (Robert Salazar, pastor). The Lord blessed in a wonderful way our meetings just prior to Easter. He gave us five first-time decisions and sixteen rededications. Our attendances averaged ninety per meeting. We have started building our new auditorium and expect to be through by midsummer.

**GALION, OHIO** (Alva Conner, pastor). We praise God for being able to move into the beautiful Renschville Elementary School on Easter Sunday. The total attendance for the three services was 181 with seventy-five in the morning worship service. The Lord has given us twelve public decisions in the services since February and we now have sixteen teen-agers in the newly organized B.Y.F.



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## **NEWS FROM ISRAEL**

### **8,000 Students at Hebrew University**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem opened its thirty-seventh academic year a few weeks ago with a record number of students from all over the world. When the full registration figures are in, the total is expected to be about 8,000 (7,442 last year). These figures include 500 research scholars who are working for their doctorates. The student body will include more than one hundred Arabs and Druzes, and 450 young people from the United States, Canada, Latin America, and various countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Thirty-seven African and Asian students, including twenty freshmen, are taking part in the English language medical course. This course is for students from de-

veloping countries at the University-Hadassah Medical School, given in cooperation with the Israel Foreign Ministry and the World Health Organization.

### **Ancient Farming System Revived in Israel's Desert**

An Ancient agricultural system based on the exploitation of winter rain runoff by storing it underground is now being revived for modern use. This area is in Israel's Negev—the arid and long-barren region that comprises the southern half of the country. The project, presently covering an area of about 250 square miles, is a joint operation of the Israel Government and the United Nations Special Assistance Fund, which has allocated \$320,000 for the project.

The purpose of the scheme, known as the Nahal Shikma watershed project, is to explore the feasibility of a coordinated land-and-water conservation plan for the cultivation of this "draught-fringe" area.

### **Israel Raises Citrus Acreage**

An increase of 15,000 acres (to a total of over 150,000) in lands under citrus cultivation is planned as part of Israel's new five-year plan for agricultural development. This will enable Israel to export 620,000 tons of citrus fruit (against 350,000 tons today) for a revenue of \$70 million (\$50 million last year). Orange groves already in production are sought after by local and foreign investors. Prices have risen in recent months and now range from \$2,500 to \$3,100 for a good grove.

## Looking Into a Navajo Schoolroom

The Brethren Navajo Mission Sponsored Boarding School for Navajo boys and girls will soon end another year. When one looks into the schoolrooms, they look almost like any public schoolrooms. The walls contain posters and the alphabet. The teachers look the same and there is nothing unusual about the desks and books. Now the students are possibly somewhat different, but then any public school would have students of other nationalities and not necessarily all look alike.

The *one important thing* you don't see is that these teachers are Christians and dedicated missionaries. The three teachers are all graduates of Grace College. Consequently the Navajo boys and girls are not only learning about conduct, culture, and civilization, but more important also about Christ. As a result, the greater portion of the boys and girls make a decision for Christ sometime during the school year.

Soon you will be looking into schoolrooms void of any students. They will have returned to the hogan and home. What will be the results in their lives after almost nine months of Christian influence, companionship, and fellowship? Will the pagan home influences win out in these lives? Prayer could make the difference and your prayers are needed for these boys and girls shown in the accompanying pictures.

In addition to the teachers, there is a complete staff of dedicated workers that contribute to the development of the school. The school being only one phase of this missionary project, this staff assists in the overall program.

### LEGEND

Top down: Miss LaDonna Smith and class; Mr. Lewellyn Ingwaldson in the checkered shirt helping a student; Mr. Larry Wedertz, principal; and the entire mission staff. Left to right: Grace Trujillo, Lee Trujillo, Vivian McClellan, James McClellan, Dixie Lowery, Marvin Lowery, Jon Wedertz, Larry Wedertz, LaDonna Smith, Betty Masimer, Pauline Swartzwalder, Lew Ingwaldson, Pearl Ingwaldson, and Angie Garber.





# CHURCH NEWS

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**GRASS VALLEY, CALIF.** A Brethren Bible Class is being conducted at the Fred Card home, 46 Cedar Ave. by Conard Sandy, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Sacramento, Calif. Any prospects for a Brethren testimony either in Grass Valley or Nevada City should be forwarded to Rev. Arthur Pekarek, 1435 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Merv Rosell and John Newman presented a challenge of the missionary work in Viet Nam at the First Brethren Church on Apr. 30. C. W. Mayes, pastor.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** Rev. and Mrs. William Ernest, 4800 Blaine Ave., Elkhart, Ind. Carlton Fuller, Hg. 4603 Air Base Group (ADC), Stewart, AFB. New York. Please change Annual.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** The Iowa district spring youth rally was held in the Grace Brethren Church Apr. 19-20. There were 107 delegates registered—90 young people and 17 adults. The Youth Evangelism Team from Winona Lake, Ind., and Dr. Floyd Taber, medical missionary to Central African Republic, were the featured speakers. The young people from Davenport and Cedar Rapids were the victors in the quiz competition. John Aeby was host pastor.

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.** A furnished home in Fort Lauderdale is available, rent-free, from June 7 to 29, for a vacation for a Christian worker and family. Write or phone Pastor Ralph Colburn, 1118 NW 18th Court., JA 3-3583 or JA 4-6235.

**INGLEWOOD, CALIF.** Don Locke resigned his position as principal of the Brethren elementary and junior high schools, and associate

pastor of the First Brethren Church. Mrs. Eunice Dirks, an accredited teacher in California with a degree in education from Pepperdine College, has accepted the position of school administrator. Richard De-Arney is pastor.

**NOTICE:** Churches are urged to make arrangements to care for the pastor's and delegates' expenses for the National Conference in August in order that each church may be represented. A sufficient sum should be voted for each person going to cover travel expense, food, and lodging throughout the week.

**KETTERING, OHIO.** The Calvary Brethren Church set a new record for attendance at the morning worship service Apr. 14 when 244 were present. Henry Barnhart is pastor.

**HARRISBURG, PA.** Earle Peer, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., has accepted the call to pastor the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Pastor Peer will take over his new charge on July 1.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** "Melody of Life" was the theme of the annual Grace Brethren youth banquet. Uncle Joe Pierce of the Teen Mission, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker. Glen Crabb, pastor.

**CONEMAUGH, PA.** Don K. Rager, pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, reports that they are praising the Lord for the good revival meetings held during Mar. 3-10. Lester Pifer, ass't secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the evangelist. Two first-time decisions and one rededication were made at the meetings. An increase in attendance has resulted from these meetings.

**CANTON, OHIO.** On Apr. 19, thirty men and boys of the Grace Brethren Church enjoyed a father and son banquet. Rev. Joe Shultz, Stark County Youth for Christ director, was the guest speaker. John Dilling, pastor.

**RIALTO, CALIF.** A youth crusade was held at the Rialto Brethren Church Apr. 21-26 with Rev. Travis

Gowan as the guest speaker. He presented chalk pictures and clever magic tricks. Gerald Polman is pastor.

**OSCEOLA, IND.** Ten years ago the Bethel Brethren Church had 210 people in attendance on Easter Sunday. This year the Elkhart (Ind.) Grace Brethren Church had 210 in attendance. The Elkhart church was started by the Osceola church, which had 428 in the Easter services. Scott Weaver is the pastor of the Osceola church and Gordon Bracker of the Elkhart church. The total attendances of the two churches was 638, which made a 300 percent increase.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** David Hocking, director of the Brethren Youth Council, conducted special youth sessions at the Patterson Park Brethren Church on May 1. Nate Casement is pastor.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** Dr. W. A. Ogden has been unanimously called to remain as the pastor of the First Brethren Church for another year.

**BERNE, IND.** Glen "Chet" Kammerer, a student at Grace College and a member of the Venture for Victory team to the Orient, and also a quartet from the college participated in the evening service on Apr. 28 at the Bethel Brethren Church. The film "Venture for Victory" was shown at the service. Kenneth E. Russell, pastor.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** Thomas Hammers, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports 36 public decisions—ten first-time decisions for Christ, and 26 Christians making

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Charles Ashman, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

Henry Barnhart, Kettering, Ohio  
Arthur D. Cashman, Winona Lake, Ind.

Roy Dice, Palmyra, Pa.

William Ernest, Elkhart, Ind.

Wayne Flory, Lakewood, Calif.



various commitments during their recent revival. He says a "new" and "sweet" spirit has come to the church. There were 1412 in attendance in the 11 public meetings. Rev. Bob Collitt was the evangelist.

**LISTIE, PA.** The Listie Brethren Sunday school began a contest with the Meyersdale, Jenners, and Reading Sunday schools on Apr. 28.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** On Apr. 23, the new \$33,000 Sunday school addition to the First Brethren Church was begun. It is expected that the building will be completed within four or five months. A new record attendance of 108 in prayer meeting was recorded on Apr. 24. Wesley Haller, pastor.

**ENGLEWOOD, OHIO.** Lon Karns, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, writes that the average attendance in their pre-Easter services with Ron Thompson of Grace Seminary was the highest ever in the church. Records were broken on Easter Sunday when there were 277 in attendance at Sunday school, and 300 in the worship service.

**CONEMAUGH, PA.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports he held a blessed Easter crusade for Christ at the Pike Brethren Church. Rev. Clair Gartland has been pastor of the church for 18 years.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Easter Sunday attendances were broken at the Third Brethren Church, Robert Kern, pastor. There were 195 present in Sunday school, and 194 present at the morning worship service.

**ROANOKE, VA.** Wendell Kent, pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, states that they received 18¼ lbs. of silver on Easter Sunday when they took a special "thirty pieces of silver" offering to help eliminate a local deficit. Members had been urged to contribute the price of Christ's betrayal as a token of love. An amount of \$554.45 was received.

**NOTICE:** The schedule for Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman is as follows: May 19-22, Danville, Ohio; May 26-29, Mansfield Ohio; June 2-5, Dayton, Ohio; June and July, California.

**NORWALK, CALIF.** Mrs. Helen Sovers, 14503 Crossdale St., is now the new secretary of the Norwalk Brethren Church. Henry Rempel, pastor. Please change Annual.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Colleen Ruth arrived at the Howard Stickler, Jr., home Apr. 14. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. when she came to help her brother "Double in This Decade" in the national Sunday-school program. Her maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Harold Etling.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The official board of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Nate Casement, pastor, has sanctioned the opening of a Christian Day School kindergarten in September of this year.

**JACKSON, KY.** Mrs. Serena Belle Combs Landrum, mother of Rev. Clyde K. and Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, was voted "Mother of the Year" of her home county (Breathitt) for the year 1963. Both she and her husband (Mize) are 85 years of age. Because of her age she was not selected as the Kentucky State Mother. However, she was given special commendation by both the State and the National Mothers Committee. In addition to this, she was commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel" by Governor Bert Combs.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** Rev. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, first African Brethren to set foot on American soil, was the main speaker at the missionary conference held at the Grace Brethren Church May 15 through

### *Wedding Bells*

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Judith Kriemes and Jack Monette, Mar. 22, at the Danville Brethren Church, Danville, Ohio.

Cheryl Lee Urban and Nelson William Lohr, Jr., Apr. 28, at the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Catherine Marie Moyer and Homer Lee Hershey, Apr. 28, at the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Linda J. Leek and Gerald D. Cline, May 5, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

19. Dr. Floyd Taber, another speaker, was the interpreter. Thomas Hammers, pastor.

**GRAFTON, W. VA.** Matthew Mohler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mohler of the First Brethren Church, is seriously ill with cystic fibrosis. Prayer is requested. Any financial help that could be given for his recovery would be greatly appreciated by his parents.

### *In Memoriam*

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**HAUSER, Stanley F., 62,** passed on to glory Apr. 26 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Donald Hunt, Conemaugh, Pa. His wife preceded him in death several months ago.

Brother Hauser came into The Brethren Church at Philadelphia, Pa., February 1922 under the ministry of Dr. R. Paul Miller who was then the secretary of the Home Missions Council. Brother Hauser was well known in the East district.



Stanley F. Hauser

He held pastorates in Huntington, Ind., Fort Wayne, Ind., Martinsburg, Pa., Grafton, W. Va., and Conemaugh, Pa.

The Hausers had two children—Mrs. Hunt, and Stanley Franklin, Jr. Memorial services were held at the Geistown Grace Brethren Church in Johnstown, Pa., with the East district ministers, Rev. Lester Pifer and Rev. Edward Lewis participating. The pastor, Rev. Randall Poyner, brought the message.

**NEUMEISTER, Miss Eva L., 68,** went to be with the Lord Apr. 6. She was an active member of the First Brethren Church, Norton Village, Ohio. She had been in failing health in recent months.

R. W. Markley, pastor



# Laymen's Page

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman



## New Missionary Printing Venture

WOOSTER, OHIO. The "pilot copy" of a new missionary printing venture is on the way to Africa. The *Laymen for Christ*, sponsored by the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, is doing missionary printing as a project. Three thousand copies of the Sango language booklet, *Tene Ti Jesus Christ*, are on the way to the field. These forty-eight-page booklets were bound, packed and shipped in sixty cartons to the field. Teams of men worked several nights at the local print shop and at the church. It is planned to continue the

project just as rapidly as mission staffs provide the necessary materials. Work will be done for all seven of our foreign mission fields. This project is being worked out in full cooperation with the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society, Winona Lake, Indiana.

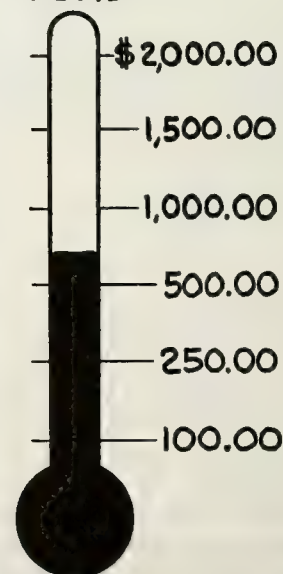
Other services being sponsored by the Wooster laymen include personal witnessing, the distribution of tracts through racks placed in public places, and other miscellaneous services to the church. Regular meetings are held the second Tuesday of each

month. Special meetings are conducted on other nights so all the laymen may attend.

The Northern Ohio District conference was held at the Wooster church with the laymen as hosts. Missionary Don Spangler was the guest speaker. On April 29, the *Laymen for Christ* sponsored a carry-in potluck supper. Mr. Thomas, superintendent of the Canton City Mission, was the guest speaker. At the May meeting, Pastor Simon Pierre Nambozouina of the Central African Republic, will speak.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA. The men of the Grace Brethren Church held an organizational meeting recently. Mr. Herman Schumacher from Osceola, Indiana, was the special speaker.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND



SCHOLARSHIP FUND gifts have totaled \$647.03 thus far this year toward our goal of \$2,000. Your support of this fund enables worthy students at Grace College to receive needed assistance. Thanks for your help and continued consideration. Let's have the cooperation of every laymen's group to see our goal reached this year!

# ARE EVOLUTIONISTS INTELLIGENT?

BUT the Bible says, "In the beginning God created . . ."

Ah, but no intelligent person believes the Bible in our day! In fact, science can get along very well without a God, for they can explain everything by evolution!

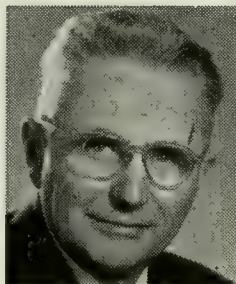
Just what do you mean by "evolution"?

Well, there are countless varieties and shadows of thought along this line, for although evolutionists agree they do not need a God; yet they have difficulty agreeing on the lesser details. In main, however, it is somewhat like the following:

Hundreds of millions of years ago there was nothing but empty space. Then without any warning whatever nothing exploded into something and filled all space with "fire-mist," whatever that is.

Millions of years rolled by and the fire-mist began to revolve. Faster and faster it whirled until sparks began to fly off. One of these sparks cooled off and became our earth. For more thousands of years it rained and rained. Then a most wonderful thing took place, for with no place to come from and no place to go and for no reason to do so, a tiny bit of jelly was washed ashore.

Of course most jelly would soon decay and pass away, but not so with this jelly, for it was determined to make the best of its opportunity, so it set to work. The next few hundred years would be busy years, for with no past experience and no plans for the future and with no God to help, this bit of jelly must prepare a body of tremendous complications and have it ready for use when the first man would appear.



By Rev. R. I. Humbert

Flora, Indiana

It did this by beginning with the more simple forms of life, such as the protozoa. Later it experimented with oysters. Then worms, fish, and creatures with feathers and some with hair and others with tails and no tails and then lo, his crowning work appeared . . . an innocent looking fellow made of wax peering out at us from his cage in the museum and called "The Missing Link."

Of course the link between man and the beast is still missing, but the link to God is found, for there is one link "between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:15).

But what a task this jelly undertook, for the man must have legs, arms, toes, and ribs. Then there must be a marvelous digestive system several yards long with various kinds of digestive juices sprayed in at the exact place, at the exact time, and of the exact strength. There must be a brain and a nervous system that would rival the most modern telephone system that man has ever devised.

Then there must be a transportation system to carry the digested food

to the uttermost parts of the body, and it must have a pump to thump, thump day and night without a moment's rest. Verily, how did the body keep going before they got the pump started? Then there must be lungs, kidneys, a liver, and other parts so marvelously tempered together that medical science has never been able to explain its wondrous workings.

We stand amazed that anyone "professing themselves to be wise" would become such a fool as to think we would change our way of glorifying "the uncorruptible God" as our creator, and turn our eyes down to "birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things" as the source of our being (Rom. 1:22-23).

But while men are trying to bow God out of His creation, they are not aware that He is still there, pulling switches and pushing buttons. If they refuse to believe, He merely turns them over to Satan to blind their minds so that they can more easily believe evolution (II Cor. 4:4). Or He may even send them a "strong delusion that they should believe a lie" (II Thess. 2:11).

Thus with "understanding darkened" (Eph. 4:18), they cannot see things in their true light and evolution seems acceptable to their warped minds.

One day Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, was strutting down the streets and boasting of his own self-importance, and God just reached into his mind and turned a button. Nebuchadnezzar looked down—verily he had never realized how good grass looked, so he got down on his hands and knees and ate grass like a cow for seven years. We would call him a "Crack-Pot."

That is exactly the same thing that happens in the mind of an evolutionist, for when they do "not like to retain God in their knowledge," God gives them over "to a reprobate mind" (Rom. 1:28). God just turns a button, and they look down to bugs and creeping things instead of up to God.

The evidence of an allwise and all powerful God abounds on every hand, for "God hath shewed it unto them." Even the marvelous workings

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Exterior view of the new Covington, Virginia church.

## An Expanding Sunday School . . . an Expanded Building

By Dr. Harold H. Etling, National Sunday School Director

An expanding Sunday school demanded an expanded building. To meet the demand the Grace Brethren Church of Covington, Virginia began to build more than a year ago. Carefully the building committee, led by the Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. Earl Key, and the pastor, the Rev. Mason Cooper, planned for the needs of the next few years in both the Sunday school and church.

The first step was to move the pastor and family out of the parsonage and into the church building to enable the workers to move the parsonage to a new site on the church property. Living in the church was quite an experience for the pastor, and was but the first step toward this new building. This done, the parsonage on its new site, the pastor moved back into the parsonage, and

the building crew of the Home Missions Council moved in to erect the new church building. Following the plans of architect, Ralph Hall, the building has become a reality. Pictures cannot portray the breathtaking beauty of this building.

The building consists of two wings connected by a mahogany-paneled foyer, and contains twenty-five classrooms, the main sanctuary, a beautiful nursery for the babies, and the pastor's study. The basement of the new auditorium likewise can



Interior view of the completed church.



Don Sellers (left), superintendent of the Brethren Construction Company, gives the keys to the building to Earl Key (center), chairman of the building committee. Carl Griffith, chairman of the board of trustees (right), looks on.



Dr. Harold Etling, the dedication speaker.

be divided with the use of velvet draperies to make additional classrooms.

The new sanctuary has a seating capacity for 500 persons. Its walls are paneled with oak, blending into an arched ceiling of redwood cedar. The pew seats are covered with beige cushions, adding to the comfort of the people, and the floor is covered with wall-to-wall beige carpeting. To further add to the beauty of the building, red-covered hymnals add a bright touch of color.

Dedication of the new building took place on Sunday, April 7, with the auditorium filled with worshipers who had come to share in the service. Dr. Harold H. Etling, director of the National Sunday School Board, served as the speaker, and spent the week following in a combination Sunday-school emphasis and evangelistic campaign. Many of the pastors of the district shared in the service of dedication together with the local choir, pastor, and building committee. The entire service of dedication was broadcast through the courtesies of radio station WKEY, owned and operated by Mr. Earl Key.



Pastor Mason Cooper leading the singing.

## Are . .

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of a honey bee is enough to burst the balloon of any evolutionist's pride and bring him crashing to the ground. Thus the invisible things of God "are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20).

Let no one mistake evolution for true science. True science is a wonderful thing and brings out the marvelous workings of an infinite God. True science deals with facts. Evolution is a mere guess of ungodly men who feign would do away with God.

Let us not think that evolution is a mere toy of darkened minds. Rather it is a heaven and a hell proposition, for we cannot believe in evolution and be a Christian at the same time. We cannot believe that we came out of nothing and up through the lower animals on our own power on the one hand, and on the other hand, believe we were created in the image of God; that we have sinned and that we need a Saviour to bring us back into favor with God again.

And is my reader disgusted with me because I have brought forth these things from the Word of God and hurled them in all their fury at the subject at hand? Rather let him rejoice that I have drawn his attention while there is time to repent.

Let the teacher beware and fear to present these faith-destroying errors to the young minds in their charge, for not only may they destroy the faith of an eternal soul, but they will most certainly bring upon their own head a sure and terrible judgment. For soon, very soon the patience of an outraged Creator will give way, and "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" than to cause one child to stumble (Matt. 18:6).

Let young people memorize Scripture, read the Bible, and meditate therein. Then when some ungodly professor sneers at the Bible, that

## GRADUATION SERVICES

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Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

young person will be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed" (II Tim. 2:15), for he can look that professor right in the eye and quote Psalm 119:99: "I have more understanding than all my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation."

That professor may have degrees clear across the page, but he is really not even in the kindergarten, for "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10).

If the veil of unbelief is still upon his heart, let him know that "When it [the heart] shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away" (II Cor. 3:16). Verily, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9).

Anyone desiring more information on evolution may get my book *God's Word and His World* and *The Bible and Science*. Or I can refer you to larger studies.

Again let me assure my reader that it is with all sincerity that I write these lines. Some time ago I had a heart attack, and as I lay there with eyes closed, not knowing what moment I might open them in the presence of my Creator, I had perfect peace in the Lord Jesus Christ. And I covet earnestly for others the same peace when they meet their God . . . for meet Him they will.





## GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY and GRACE COLLEGE

### *Spring Meeting of Trustees*

Rarely over the twenty-six years of the existence of Grace Theological Seminary has the board of trustees met for a spring meeting. Economy of operation has been a primary factor in eliminating this meeting. To bring twenty-seven men from all parts of the United States to one central location requires an outlay of approximately \$2,500. Essential matters of business were committed to the executive committee of the board, and other matters were held over until the annual meeting of the board in connection with the meeting of the corporation in August. Not more than six times has the board met in the spring. Issues of supreme importance then dictated the call for meeting.

### *A Spring Meeting Every Year*

From the little school handling a few thousand dollars to the school now serving more than 500 students and handling a budget of a half-million dollars this school has grown. The pressing matters of business, policy, future, now demand that closer supervision be given. The executive committee of the board is now planning regular meetings four times a year: in March, June, August, and November. The board of trustees will now hold a spring meeting in March and the annual meeting in August. From now on it is inevitable that far-reaching decisions will be under advisement at each meeting, decisions that will affect the entire denomination and every division of its ministry.

### *The New Financial Policy*

Over the past ten years gifts from the denomination for these schools has been running between seventy and a hundred thousand dollars annually, averaging out at about \$85,000. This has been the figure placed in the budget. But last year the offerings went down to \$70,000. This meant a deficit of \$15,000 in the financial status at the close of the fiscal year.

During these past ten years every advancement has been made out of the increase in the number of students with the added tuition. But advancements have been limited and insufficient. At last, the pressures for advancement, especially to get regional accreditation, have demanded that the financial policy of the school be reviewed and changed. On the present plan *tuition* must increase, but gifts must also increase. If gifts cannot increase, then some new policy for the use of gifts must be devised so that advancement can proceed, and the bills can be paid. The new policy is an attempt to solve the problem, and will go into effect with the new fiscal year in July.

### *Ten-Year Expansion Plan*

A ten-year expansion plan has been drawn up. It takes into consideration an increase in students, teachers, facilities, and finances; accreditation, advanced training of faculty, raises in salaries. This ten-year plan has been divided into ten steps, the first of which is to be initiated on July 1. The entire financial outlay for the year is divided by the number of students expected, and thus the tuition for each student has been reached. The amount will go up, not only for those in the college, but also for those in the seminary. From this point on all monies received for current operation will be directed to help students pay the higher costs of tuition. Already, in the course of the years, approximately \$60,000 of gift income has been directed to scholarships, grants-in-aid, work scholarships, and so forth. This means that there will be not more than \$20,000 to \$25,000 remaining (if the annual offering reaches \$85,000) for student aid under the new plan. This amount will be set aside for loans. It is believed that such money will help the student while in school. When he graduates, he can pay it back to the school under the terms of the loan, and it becomes available for other needy students. Over a period of ten years or more this amount would reach \$300,000 to \$500,000. This in a rotating, perpetual, and increasing fund could provide through the years for the necessary advancement and growth of the school.

### *The Success of This Plan*

The success of this plan depends absolutely upon the loyalty of Brethren people to continue their financial giving to the school unabated. They must influence their sons and daughters to come to the school. In addition there must be the determination of Christian young people to join the board of trustees and administration in this venture for Christ in Christian education.

Any failure of loyalty in supporting this plan can mean the utter collapse of Christian Education in The Brethren Church. This means that in our society there must be determination to reverse four trends now in operation.

The first is the *spiritual trend*. This trend is manifest everywhere today in professed Christian circles. Little value is placed on education in a Christian atmosphere and integrated with a Christian philosophy.

The second is the *attendance trend*. This is true of all privately owned schools, including the Christian schools. Young people are choosing rather to attend public, tax supported schools. Their size, offerings, and bigness attract them. In another ten years it is expected that only 20 percent of all the students will be attending private schools.

The third is the *academic trend*. Christian schools have done their best to maintain the highest of academic standards within the limits of finances available. But in spite of this effort, there is a tendency to depreciate its academic values in preference for larger tax supported institutions.

The fourth trend is *financial*. As a result of the preceding three, and arising out of factors beyond analysis, decreased funds in proportion to the need are being supplied by Christian people. This is true in The Brethren Church.

It is therefore paramount that these four trends be reversed if the new policy is to succeed. It is our prayer that the Spirit of God will move in the hearts of all to accomplish this plan for Christ in our day.



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# BRETHREN GRADUATES



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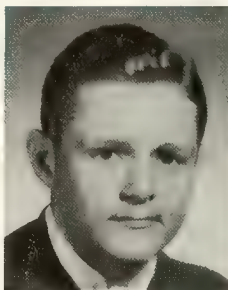


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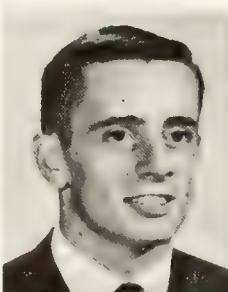


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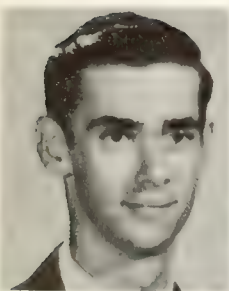


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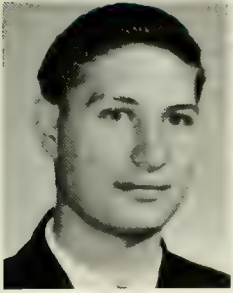
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# GRACE COLLEGE



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Future: Nursing



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Future: Teach



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Future: Enter Grace Theological  
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Future: Teach



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# Grace College



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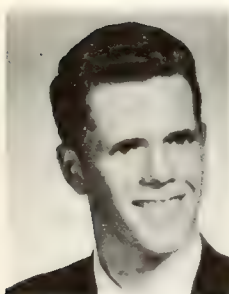


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Future: Enter Grace Theological  
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Field



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# Grace College



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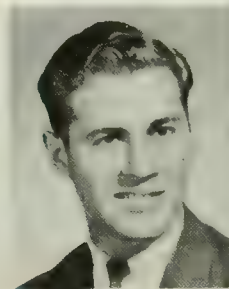
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# HERALD



*Special Prophecy Issue*





By Charles J. Woodbridge

## *Signs of Christ's Return*

I believe that the second coming of Christ is very near indeed. Several important reasons lead me to this belief.

First, the Bible is the Word of God. It is true from the beginning to the end. It is completely trustworthy

and reliable. Why do I believe this? For many reasons: supremely because I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. When He was here upon earth, He put His seal of authority and approval upon the Old Testament Scriptures. For ex-

ample, in Matthew 5:18 we read His words: "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Again in John 10:35 the words of Christ are recorded: ". . . and the

scripture cannot be broken." Let it be asserted emphatically: the Lord Jesus Christ put His seal of approval upon the Old Testament. He is our authority. We therefore accept the Old Testament as authoritative.

So far as the New Testament is concerned, our Lord gathered His disciples around Him prior to His departure to be with the Father and said unto them, speaking of the Holy Spirit: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come" (John 16:13). The implication of this statement is that the Saviour was pre-authenticating the New Testament prior to its writing.

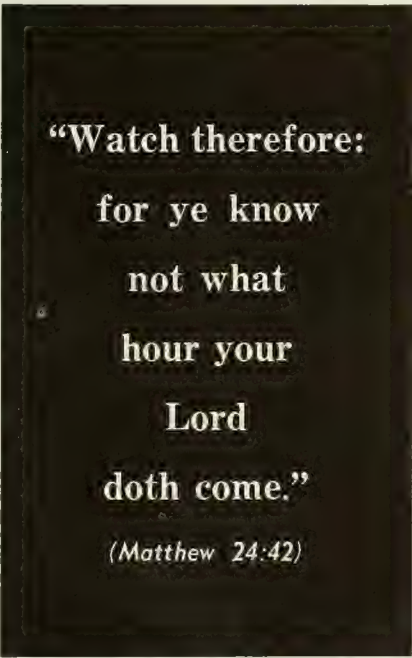
A second reason I believe Christ's coming is near is that the Word of God clearly teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ will actually return some day to receive believers unto himself. Every informed Christian should know where some of these crucial passages are. For example, in John 14:3, the words of Christ are recorded: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Again, in Acts 1:11, the words of angelic visitors are heard "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Third, I believe that the Lord Jesus will soon return to receive believers unto himself because signs of His coming are clearly delineated in the Scriptures. That is to say, the Saviour gave us certain clues to guide us in connection with our thinking along this line. Moreover, the writers of the New Testament repeatedly indicate the coming of the Lord will have definite preparatory signs.

Fourth, I believe that the return of Christ is near because the signs which are so clearly predicted in the pages of Scripture are now being fulfilled before our very eyes. Let us list some of the signs. They drive us inescapably to the conclusion that the Lord's return is very near.

One of the prophecies which is being fulfilled is found in II Peter 3:3 and 4: "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" A scoffing attitude of unbelief, we are told in this passage from II Peter, will characterize the days immediately preceding our Saviour's return. "In the last days" people will be challenging belief in the second coming, and in some cases actually ridiculing the teaching.

A second sign which drives me to the conviction that Christ's coming is near is the religious unconcern abroad in the world today. Callous-



ness and carelessness with regard to the things of Christ have always been present. But they will increase in the last days and thus point unerringly toward the return of Christ. And that is precisely what we are observing today.

A third impressive sign clearly enunciated in the Word of God is the prediction that shortly before our Lord's return there will be an "apostasy," a falling away from the faith of our fathers. Unbelief has always been rampant. But never more widespread than today. Spurious sects abound in the twentieth century. The old-fashioned, saving Gospel of

the grace of God is widely spurned. The integrity of the Scriptures is denied even in some ecclesiastical circles. The growing apostasy proclaims the approach of the Son of God.

A fourth sign is outward formalism. In the latter days, we are told, a strange phenomenon will be observed. Inward unbelief will be cloaked in outer ritualism. Faithlessness will be concealed by ceremonialism. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:5).

A fifth sign of the near return of Christ is the increase of wickedness on all hands. Paul describes the last days as "perilous times" (II Tim. 3:1). He then explains the nature of the peril. (Study with care II Tim. 3:1-9). Essentially men will be "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (II Tim. 3:4).

A sixth sign that the advent of the Son of God may be very near is that there are today more natural disturbances than ever before. Earthquakes, famines, and pestilences have characterized human history, for since the fall of man nature has been under the divine curse (Rom. 8:22). But the Lord Jesus teaches that these things will increase in number, intensity, and destructive effect toward the close of the age.

But there are five additional signs, all unique during the past few decades, which clinch the matter:

- ▼ A political consolidation in Western Europe.
- ▼ A great northern confederation of nations.
- ▼ Far East nations are awaking from political slumber.
- ▼ Israel is back in her land.
- ▼ The atomic age with all its stupendous fury is upon us.

Christ's return is indeed near. His coming to receive believers is the first step in a series of dramatic prophetic events.

The important point for me is—Am I ready for His coming? Am I trusting the Saviour with all my being? Only in that case may I join with the Apostle John in the earnest prayer: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

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# THE FIRST MESSIANIC PROPHECY

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Th.D.

One of the sure marks of the God-breathed nature of Scripture is the way in which prophetic seed-thoughts are planted in its most ancient books, and are progressively unfolded in the centuries and millenniums that follow. The *original prophecy* may seem brief and even mysterious, but its final fulfillment in all of its manifold aspects reflects back upon that original prophecy and reveals those shades of meaning that could never have been understood completely by men of earlier ages. An acorn may seem utterly simple and insignificant to the cas-

ual observer, but every distinctive aspect of the great oak lies hidden within it, inviting the careful study of those who are thrilled at its final development.

### Genesis 3:15

The *very first prophecy* of the Bible concerning the coming Redeemer of the world is no exception of this rule. In fact, it sets the pattern for all Bible prophecies. As we study Genesis 3:15, we learn not only that God knows all about the future, but that He also planned from the beginning to send our Saviour into the world to defeat Satan. We also learn something of God's marvelous method of revealing such truths to early patriarchs for their hope and encouragement without at the same time confusing them with details they could not have understood.

For the sake of clarity, let us set forth a literal translation of the prophecy from the original Hebrew text, and arrange it into its three main parts: (1) "And enmity will I place between thee and the woman; (2) and between thy seed and her seed; (3) he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Who are the persons involved in this prophecy? A glance at the preceding verses reveals that the speaker is none other than the Lord God; the one spoken to is the serpent (or, rather, Satan who used the serpent); and the woman is Eve, "the mother of all living." One other person appears in the prophecy of whom we shall speak shortly.

### Satan and Eve

We must dismiss as absurd the interpretation that this verse is nothing more than a continuation of verse 14, and is therefore a pronouncement of hatred and fear between human beings and serpents! How could this view (advocated by some critics) fit in with the tremendous solemnity of the occasion? Would such a prophecy hold forth any hope for our first parents? No; the serpent of 3:1 to 14

fades out of sight in verse 15, and "that old serpent" behind the mere animal instrument, "called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9), comes into full focus. The main point of the *first part of the prophecy* is this: God must put enmity between Satan and Eve because her natural inclination as a sinner is to love sin and darkness. So God must teach her to hate the true enemy of her soul—not snakes, but Satan, the first murderer and the father of lies (as Christ described him in John 8:44).

### Seed of Eve and Seed of Satan

As we turn to the *second main idea of the prophecy*, we discover a new realm of thought. It is no longer Eve, but "her seed" which is seen to carry on the conflict, and the enemy is not only Satan now, but also Satan's "seed." To what can these two seeds refer? Franz Delitzsch gives us the answer: "The seed of the woman cannot be the entire human race, for Satan is a foe who can only be met with spiritual weapons, and none can defeat him apart from the possession of spiritual weapons. So the idea of 'the seed' is modified by the nature of the foe." The seed of the woman, then, must be the chosen race of true believers, culminating in Christ who is the head of that race. And the seed of Satan must therefore be unbelievers. Speaking to the unbelievers in His day, our Lord said: "Ye are of your father the devil" (John 8:44; cf. Matt. 23:33 and I John 3:8). When Cain slew Abel, he demonstrated thereby that he "was of that wicked one" (I John 3:12), and was thus the first seed of Satan. When Eve gave birth to another son, she "called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew" (Gen. 4:25). So Abel was the first seed of the woman, and Seth was the second.

### Christ and Satan

The *third part of the prophecy* is the climax. Notice carefully that the

seed of the woman suddenly narrows down from a chosen line, from a race of true believers, to a single person! "He shall bruise thy head." This is startling, and wonderfully significant! When we look back from the vantage point of fulfilled prophecy, we see clearly that this representative of the chosen race (Gal. 3:16), who delivered the deathblow to Satan's head, is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ; who died on the cross "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14). But when our Lord crushed the head of "that old serpent" at the cross, He suffered the bruising of His own heel—the awful agony of bodily suffering that accompanied the crucifixion. This was Satan's supreme blow at God's Son—but it was not enough! Christ arose triumphant from the grave! And what about Satan? "He shall bruise thy head." That was an absolutely *fatal blow*. The cross brought physical agony to our Lord temporarily, but it sealed the doom of Satan forever! The saints will soon see the full effects of that crushing blow when Satan is flung into the bottomless pit (Rev. 20:2) and ultimately into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10), for "the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Rom. 16:20).

### The Immediate Effect of the Prophecy

Yes; the clear light of fulfillment wonderfully illumines *that ancient prophecy* for any who will ponder it today with the eye of faith. But what did it mean to Adam and Eve? Whatever else it meant to them, it meant at least this much: (1) Instead of dying, the woman would live to have seed; (2) A warfare would begin between the false allies, and Satan would be defeated by it; (3) Whereas it was through the woman that Satan enticed the entire race into sin, so it would be through the woman that Satan would be destroyed. Perhaps the prophecy meant much more than  
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# *The Last Days of the Church on Earth*

By Rev. M. L. Myers



In the *Book of The Revelation*, chapters 2 and 3, we discover seven messages to seven distinct churches. They were historic and geographic churches, but they were also strangely prophetic of the entire Church Age on earth from Pentecost to the Rapture.

There were scores of individual assemblies on earth when John wrote; however the messages of *The Revelation* were directed only to seven of them. No doubt the reason is that our Lord knew history in advance. He knew of coming persecutions, declensions within the body of Christ, revivals, and the final apostasy from the faith. And with His all-searching eye He saw in the seven particular assemblies, conditions in embryo—the very conditions through which the entire church on earth would pass. Hence, chapters 2 and 3 prophesy the spiritual and religious history of Christendom.

The message to Laodicea (3:14-22) mainly characterizes the church at the time of Christ's return. We observe that the description parallels much of what is seen today. Certainly this would indicate the nearness of our Lord's coming again.

Liberalists teach that things in our world are steadily improving. From experience and from the Scriptures, we know this is not so. The Holy Spirit is quite emphatic as to the downward moral and spiritual trend the world is following. Love will grow cold at the end of the age; unrest will prevail among individuals, families, churches, communities, and nations; war and hatred will abound; there will be a departure from the true faith; the immorality and complacency of Noah's day will return.

The end-time church will follow the same general pattern as the world. Revelation 3:14 to 20 pictures a disgustingly lukewarm church made up of proud, blind, unconcerned, and spiritually naked people. However, it must be remembered that God has never left himself without a true witness in any age. There has always been the "wheat" abiding with the "tares."

## **Observe the Church Name**

In brief, *Laodicea* means "the rights, or the rule, of the people"

(from the Greek). Laodiceanism is the opposite of Nicolaitanism, which was found in the church at Pergamos (2: 12-17). The latter refers to the "domineers over the people" (from the Greek)—the priesthood, no doubt—which arose during the fourth century, while the former refers to this age when the laity arise to claim their rights and to do the judging. Laodicea, refers to the final apostate condition of Christendom. The blessed Lord is seen standing on the outside knocking for an entrance (3:20).

### Observe the Spiritual Condition

*Laodicea was lukewarm.* A hot drink on a cold day is good. A cold drink on a hot day is fine. But when hot and cold are poured together there is a disgusting lukewarmness.

Such was Laodicea. And such is the general picture of Christendom today. The mass of church members have little conviction. They attend God's House only if they feel like it. They go through rituals for an hour or so, return home, forget God, forget their church, and forget their Bibles for the rest of the week.

*Laodicea was "increased with goods."* Does this not describe many churches in 1963? So often a church is measured in terms of the number of influential, well-to-do people upon its roll, and the denomination is measured in terms of the schools and universities it claims. Monetary values and worldly influences in the church have all too often been set up as a standard in the place of conviction, dedication, and souls won to the Lord.

*Laodicea was self-satisfied.* Drowsiness lays hold upon the man freezing to death. At first he senses the danger. Then gradually he becomes insensible to it. Finally it is fatal.

Likewise, the loss of awareness to sin characterizes Christendom in this age. In years gone by there may have been a sense of need and a voice crying against sin. But gradually the Devil's sedative does its awful work until the church falls asleep. No conviction! No working of the Holy Spirit! No message of salvation! No new birth!

*Laodicea was full of unregenerate members.* In the last part of verse 17,

Jesus describes them in appropriate terms. They were "wretched," for they were unsaved. They were "miserable" because they were living under the false illusion that heaven would be their eternal home. They were "poor," for true riches are only in Christ Jesus. They were "blind" because they counted success in terms of numbers and influence. They were "naked," for they were without that robe of righteousness provided only in Christ. Such is the Lord's scorching verdict upon the apostate church.

*Laodicea was about to be "spued out."* From the Greek, the sixteenth verse more literally reads: "I am about to cast you out." There is an indication of offered mercy as though



the Lord were saying: "I won't cast you out if you repent, but I must do it if you do not."

### Finally, Observe Christ's Counsel and Yearning Plea

*Laodicea is urged to accept Christ's salvation.* In verse 18, Jesus counsels the apostate church to accept the grace of sins paid for. It cost Him everything to provide that pardon, even the "fire" of God's judgment. He urges Laodicea to take the "white raiment" of righteousness provided through His death and resurrection, and the "eyesalve" of the Holy Spirit which comes only as one trusts Him with the whole heart.

### Laodicea's Invitation Is Given to the Individual

One last yearning plea is observed in verse 20. Here the Lord turns from the collective body to the individual. The church as a whole has shut Him on the outside, but still it is as though He goes from heart to heart, knocking, yearning, pleading for an entrance. Here and there a door is open and a soul is saved. He says, "If any man" will open, he will find fellowship with the Son of God; he will have the joy of sins forgiven; he will have a home in heaven.

Dear reader, there is suggested in this picture the solemn fact that the opening of the heart's door is from the inside. Jesus Christ will never break His way in. You must willingly allow Him to come in.

Have you done it?

## The First . . .

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this to them, but we do know that they believed God's promises and acted upon them in faith. Thus it was that Adam immediately "called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living," and in response to this act of faith, "did the Lord God make coats of skins and clothed them" (Gen. 3:21). The *first prophecy* was clear enough for Adam and Eve to believe and act upon. In effect, they trusted the coming Redeemer, and the clothing of the animal skins signified the covering of their sins and the imputed righteousness of Christ.

The *first Messianic prophecy* thus becomes a pattern for all that follow. It is simple in its form, and yet contains all the possibilities of its wonderful fulfillment. It was sufficient in its content to catch the imagination and kindle the faith of its first hearers, thus filling an immediate, as well as an ultimate, need. And finally, it is directed toward a person—the only person toward whom all Bible prophecy moves as a mighty river. For, after all, it was as true in the Garden of Eden as it is today that faith in Christ as the deliverer is God's only plan for the salvation of sinners.



This is the day of the organization man, and the individual is lost in the crowd. Conformity, uniformity, and togetherness have melted us into one faceless mass. Both behind the Iron Curtain and in the free world, the great problem is the survival of the individual as an individual.

The man who dares to be different today is frowned upon by his club, his church, his community. It is just not the thing to do in Suburbia. We are as alike as eggs in a crate. Humanity is regimented into rows of rubber stamps in a day of streamlined, assembly-line, run-of-the-mill standardization.

In the midst of this, our Lord stands at the door of the Laodicean church—at the end of the church age. The great ecclesiastical system, the professing church, living in unconscious bankruptcy (“thou sayest . . . and knowest not”), does not understand its true condition. Our Lord is about to spew it out of His mouth. As many as He loves, He rebukes and chastens, bidding them not to be lukewarm but to be boiling and repent.

Then comes the gracious word: “Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Rev. 3:20).

Observe the breadth and narrowness of the statement “if any man”—or better yet, “if anyone.” It is as broad as anyone in the church and as narrow as the one who hears His voice and opens the door. Anyone may, but very few will! Our Lord ends His message to the church with an appeal to the individual. He does not say, “if any church,” but “if anyone.”

How to be “anyone” and not be so lost in the crowd that I become no one is the problem.

Behind the Iron Curtain the individual counts for nothing, the state is everything. In the free world the same process is at work in other forms; we are fast becoming mere numbers in a welfare state. Even in the church where American mass-production has lost the individual in the crowd, God still deals with people one at a time.

“All have sinned,” the Bible says, and there is the crowd. But “there is none righteous, no not one,” and there is the individual. The sinner cannot hide in the crowd. “God so loved the world”—there is the crowd. But “whosoever believeth” singles out the individual and says there is hope for every sinner in the crowd.

Our Lord is not calling upon Laodicea en masse to open the door. His invitation reaffirms the importance of the individual.

Another problem is involved here. We must stand on our own feet, or give way to the creeping paralysis of Laodiceanism. This modern gigantic religious super-corporation, which says, “I am rich and increased with goods and [worst of all] have need of nothing” is living in a comfortable stupor, neither hot or cold. It is fashionable to belong to it. Everybody does it out in Suburbia. It helps business to be a church member.

The influence of this watered-down religion, half-Christian and half-pagan, adapted to a generation that does not want to get right, be right, live right is a subtle thing. When we become full-fledged Laodiceans, it is

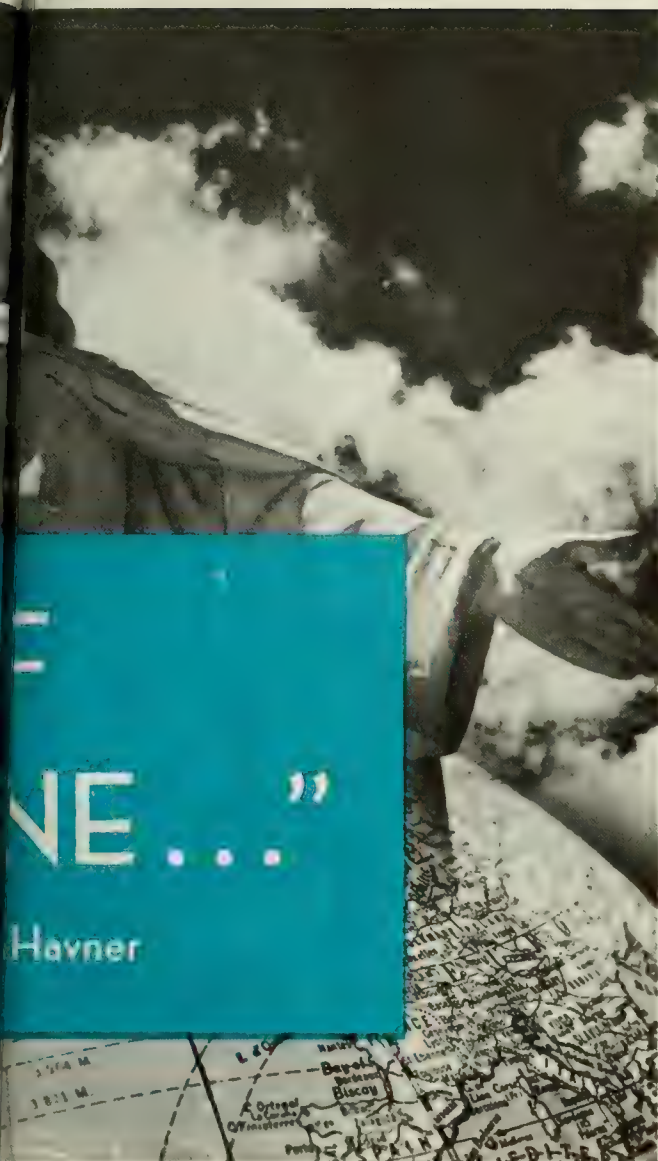


next to impossible to hear the Saviour's voice. Either we can't hear it for the noise of religious activity without the Holy Spirit, or else we are stupefied by the drug of religious self-satisfaction. Either the tumult, or the tranquillizer, can deafen us to His call.

It is not easy to be a Christian individual when we are viewed with suspicion if we dare to think or speak for ourselves. It is so much easier to depend on an organization than to trust in God. A minister finds it tempting to conform to a group pattern, rather than to be true to his convictions, risk his bread and butter to stand alone. It is not easy to stand for the truth in a church full of worldlylings. It will take all the grace we can pray for to resist the creeping paralysis of a comfortable Laodiceanism.

We need inner resources these days for another reason—the possibility of the destruction of our civilization. I do not know whether this land will be devastated by an atomic attack or not. It is possible that God may use Persia as the Assyrian rod of His anger to visit judgment





upon us. Some maniac could press a button and millions would die in minutes.

I do not believe that all mankind will be destroyed that way. There will be living saints when our Lord comes. But we could have such devastation that we Christians would not have the facilities now available. Our religious organizations could be paralyzed. We might find ourselves meeting with a few surviving saints, singing: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." And I'll venture that we could sing it with more meaning than ever we did in the old days with one eye on the clock, anxious to get home in time for our favorite television program!

Now is the time to learn to stand on our own feet spiritually and stock up with supplies from heaven before all the props are knocked out, leaving us alone with our God. How tragic it would be if that hour found us ignorant of our Bibles, not knowing how to pray, babies when we ought to be grownups in the things of God!

There is another reason why we should heed our Saviour's invitation, whether our neighbors and fellow church members do or not. If revival ever comes, this is most likely the way it will come. We are not to look for the church to repent en masse. The majority of church members are not remotely interested in revival. They do not intend to give up the world and make Christ Lord of their lives.

We would not be dogmatic here and say what God will or will not do. But we would observe that our Lord does not say that if anyone will hear His voice, open the door, and sup with Him, a great revival will begin. As of now, if you are looking for the majority of our church members to flock down church aisles, getting right with God and with each other, you may be disappointed. There is a price to pay for revival, and most church members have no intention of paying that price. There will be as much revival as there are "anyones" who will heed our Lord's invitation.

Of course, I do not believe the "anyones" will keep such an experience to themselves. When the lost joy of salvation is restored, they will teach transgressors God's ways and sinners will turn to God.

The average church member, however, would not welcome that kind of awakened Christian. The light of such a testimony would be too embarrassing by contrast to the average Christian with his candle under bushel or bed.

If the Lord tarries, and unless there should be a mighty visitation from above, this would seem to be the pattern of revival today. By the moving of the Holy Spirit and the pressure of present-day conditions, the "church within the church" will rise like cream to the top. True believers in all churches will be drawn closer to the Lord and to each other.

It boils down to this. If we are to survive as Christians, we must stand on our own feet. We cannot live a second-hand experience. We must grow our own garden and not feed our souls on canned goods. It will mean less television and more prayer, less togetherness with people and more aloneness with God. Sink or swim, it is every man for himself: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Whatever the world may do, whatever the churches may do, we can live in fellowship with our Lord. And we must not become so hot and bothered over world conditions and the state of the church that we neglect our own souls.

At the last great day, we cannot depend upon an organization. Every man must give account of himself to God. Every man's work will be made manifest. The fire shall try every man's work. We must stand on our own feet then, so we had better practice now!

Our Lord is knocking at the door. Let me say that a knock at the door is disturbing. The church is in her easy chair, in her robe and slippers with television turned high. She does not want to be bothered. She may even be so busy with her own meetings that she cannot hear the voice of her Lord. It is up to someone—anyone—to hear His voice and open the door and admit the Guest who becomes the Host. It could be you!

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# AN APOSTATE CHURCH

By John Fred Meldau

*THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE* today is in a complacent, lethargic Laodicean lukewarmness that Christ despises (Rev. 3:14-19). Then too the professing church is honeycombed with modernism and unbelief so that, like the supporting timbers eaten out of the very bark by termites, it is unable to be a pillar of support.

A cross-section of church life in the United States of America reveals a widespread religious profession without a corresponding spirituality and moral strength. Christianity today has riches without revival, pietism without true prayer, formalism of worship without a true walk with God. Preachers too often have substituted ethical lectures and insipid "be-good" harangues for solid Bible exposition and soul-winning evangelism. An apostate Protestantism worships at the modern altars of

evolution, modernism, and unitarianism. Because of the failure of Protestantism, there has been a devastating tide of cults and sects that take the name of Christ, but deny Him in doctrine and in life.

There is—thank God—a segment of evangelicalism and fundamentalism that has "kept his word and has not denied his name" (Rev. 3:8). But even here one can see the hoofprints of the enemy, for some have lapsed from evangelicalism into "the new evangelicalism," some have been bewitched by the neo-orthodoxy of Barthianism, and others have been spoiled by the vanities of intellectualism. Christ is again being betrayed by the kiss of compromise and the hypocrisy of putting a new, sinister meaning on the old words and expressions of the saints of a past generation.



Fundamentalism—save for a faithful bodyguard—has lost its punch and is a house divided against itself, divided into scores of splinter groups that too often fight each other instead of the common enemy. At best, it is a despised minority and is outshouted and shunted by the church as a whole.

Ecumenicalism — “one-worldism” applied to the church—is the watchword of the hour and has been substituted for Biblical evangelism. The social gospel takes precedence over the Gospel of the grace of God, and churchmen are more concerned over the futile works of our “Peace Corps” than of preaching the Gospel to every creature. Heaven is being spiritualized, hell is denied, and the heathen are no longer lost, but now are our “brothers.”

### **The Sad Fruits of This Apostasy**

In His matchless Sermon on the Mount, our Lord used two vibrant metaphors to present the ministry of His people and its inevitable side effects to a world of lost sinners in the darkness of a lost condition.

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid” (Matt. 5:13-14).

At once two overwhelming inferences spring upon us: If we Christians are “the light of the world” then the world is in darkness. And if we are “the salt of the earth,” then the world is a carcass that will rapidly decay without the presence of salt!

If churches and Christians no longer give forth the true light of the Gospel—if their “light,” through unbelief and disobedience, has become darkness—then the world is being cheated and shortchanged, and is left to wander along an uncertain path into ever deepening gloom that will terminate in the night of eternal despair for all who travel along that broad road.

Here then is the sad, sad condition: because the church is apostate, the world is rapidly becoming more and more immoral. And, eventually, the world, disappointed and frus-

trated, will turn against the church and “trode it under foot.”

### **The Apostasy Is Worldwide**

In Sweden, less than 5 percent of the population attend the state church—or any church. A recent survey in England reveals that though 26 million persons are baptized Anglicans, less than three million are registered on church membership rolls. In South America, though almost 90 percent of the people are baptized Roman Catholics, Catholic authorities report that the vast majority “seldom see the inside of a church.” Most of Europe is dead spiritually.

Both Russia and Red China have persecuted the church, and excluded foreign missionaries. A rising tide of nationalism in Africa is working against the church and Christian missionaries, and some great areas—like the Sudan—are forcing some missionaries to leave. India is reluctant to let new missionaries into their land.

There are some bright spots in the otherwise dark picture, such as South and Central America where there is a healthy, growing evangelical movement sweeping many thousands into the arms of the Saviour. But on the whole the world, as far as God and the Gospel are concerned, presents a dark picture.

### **Evidences of Apostasy**

The second Vatican Ecumenical Council that began its sessions in Rome last year gives no evidence of reform, or return to Biblical doctrines. The Roman Catholic Church is “married to its idols” and persists in its traditionalism, Mariolatry, worship of images, and its setting aside of the Word of God in accepting the teachings of men, such as the infallibility of the Pope, the Mass, which perpetuates in symbol the sufferings of Christ, Purgatory, Penance, Baptismal regeneration, and a score more of false teachings not given in the Word of God. Perhaps the worst feature about the Roman Catholic teachings is that they deny their adherents—those who believe their doctrines—eternal life, for they teach that the atoning death of Christ paid only for our original sin. They teach that to get forgiveness of our

actual sins, we must come to God through the steps set forth in Catholic teaching. The one who wants to be saved must do all the “religious works” demanded by the Catholic Church, all the way from baptism in infancy by a priest to the obtaining of forgiveness through absolution by the priest. Those who fail to seek and obtain that priest-granted forgiveness must remain in their sins. The whole system is one of “salvation by religious works”—works outlined by the Roman Church.

### **Instances of Apostasy Among Protestants**

The world was shocked by the unashamed heresy of Bishop Pike, the Episcopal Bishop in California. He openly denies the Trinity, virgin birth of Christ, as well as His deity and physical resurrection.

“Now,” says Dr. L. Nelson Bell, “a distressing controversy is emerging within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church, USA. It is being spearheaded by some well-known teachers in all four seminaries. It is an attack on the complete integrity and authority of the Bible . . . These attacks are having a devastating effect on the lives of individuals. Under the heading, ‘Do We Need an Infallible Bible?’ arguments are raised against the very things the Scriptures claim for themselves and against the affirmations of the Confession of Faith” (*The Presbyterian Journal*, Jan. 9, '63).

The Most Reverend Arthur Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, believes—and states—that some atheists will be in heaven!

“In the *London Daily Mail* of October 2, 1961, he is reported as saying: ‘Heaven is also not a place . . . for Christians only. Those who have led a good life on earth, but found themselves unable to believe in God, will not be debarred from heaven. I expect to meet some present-day atheists there.’”

How little the archbishop knows of the Gospel! He should know, from Romans 4:5, that the only kind of people God saves are the “ungodly” who confess their sins, repent, and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

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THE

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## THE FINAL CONFLICT IN REVELATION 13

The message of Revelation 13 deals with the great effort of Satan to counterfeit the Holy Trinity and thus deceive the peoples of earth.

Satan, through his military genius, Antichrist, organizes the nations in order to control the warriors and the wealth of the world. If one has eyes to see, he cannot help but admit that there exists already today the groundwork which will shortly blossom into the system of Satan when once the church is caught away from the world to be with Christ.

### *The False God—Satan (Rev. 13:1)*

It is not John who stands upon the sand of the sea, but the dragon. What he sees not only interests him, but also provides for him the opportunity for which he is looking. He is a dragon, a great fiery monster, brilliant, attractive, formidable (Ezek. 28:12). He is that old

serpent who introduced all the sin, and sorrow, and suffering into this world. He is a devil, a slanderer, and a accuser of the brethren through the centuries. As Satan, he is the opposer and the adversary of the Lord and His people. By his serpentine methods he has filled the role of deceiver of the nations, for he is a liar from the beginning and the father of the lie (John 8:44).

He sees the sea of the nations in agitation, restless, troubled, in confusion, and disorder (Luke 21:25-26; Rev. 17:15). The difficulties and perplexities of the nations attract him, and shortly provide him with his great opportunity.

### **The False Christ—Antichrist (Rev. 13:1-10)**

Let us consider the origination, description, concentration, and organization of this first beast.

His *origination* is out of the sea of the nations, and he is therefore a man. He is some great personality who finally emerges from the milling masses of people. In the desperation and perplexity of the nations, this man appears on the horizon as the one who is able to solve the problems of humanity and lead them out of confusion and chaos into order, system, and happiness. But while he is a man with great ability, he is one who has some real relationship to the abyss. Twice it is affirmed that he comes out of the abyss (Rev. 11:7; 17:8). This must mean that he is so much in league with Satan that he is finally indwelt by an evil spirit from the pit and supernaturally energized for his task.

The *description* of this beast is most significant. In character he is like a wild beast (cf. Rev. 6:8 for meaning of this word). Though he may appear to be the very fullness of perfection as men see him, God knows that nature within. It has a wild, untamed, rebellious nature. He is expressly called a man and treated as such in other Scriptures. He is also described as a king (Rev. 17:10-11). But in addition to these he is a kingdom. There is no better symbol of a kingdom than the king.

The *concentration* of all preceding empires is in this beast. This beast sums up in his kingdom all the bril-

liance of Greece, all the tremendousness of Medo-Persia, and all the autocratic power of Babylon. Such is the revived Roman Empire of the end time.

The *organization* of an empire for the beast is unseen and spiritual. Satan has everything arranged for the coming of this mighty man. The dragon gives to this superman his own *power*, such power as will produce results. The coming of Antichrist is after the working of Satan (II Thess. 2:9). He also gives to him his *throne* or position. A throne is always the symbol of position and power. Satan's throne has been over the nations (Luke 4:5-8). The Devil offered this to Christ, but He rejected it. This man will receive it. Satan also gives to him *authority* which is great.



The *wounding* of one of the heads of this beast is the first matter of importance. The object of this wound is the seventh head. This kingdom has seven heads, which are seven mountains which in turn stand for seven kings. Five of these kings are fallen, one is now reigning as John writes, and the seventh king has not yet arrived. It is this last king and kingdom that is wounded. This king dies, comes to life again, and thus becomes the eighth king (Rev. 17:10-11).

The *nature* of this wound is marked by the words "as it were wounded." These words imply the exercise of violence. Without a doubt this is the permitted imitation of the crucifixion of Christ in order that this man may in every way possible become the great counterfeit of Christ—Antichrist.

No one doubts that Christ experienced death as a result of His death wound. Why should there be any hesitation here when the same words are used of the wound, and then it is added that it was unto death? This attracts such worldwide attention that if it is not a wound which produced death, it is so cleverly executed that everyone thinks the Antichrist died and rose from the grave.

There is no doubt that God permits this in order that men who have rejected the true Christ may believe the lie (II Thess. 2:11).

For the first time, a world that has denied the possibility of resurrection and the fact of resurrection in Christ, now awakens to the fact that here is one who has conquered death. In amazement this world believes the lie, the counterfeit and men join themselves to the Antichrist as the invincible warlord, and give worship to Satan and Antichrist that only God deserves.

Armies and war are turned loose against the saints in the earth, and this lasts for the remaining period of three and one-half years of The Tribulation. This dominion is well-nigh universal. Perhaps by this time the other three powers—the northern, eastern, and southern—are subjugated. The *effect* of his dominion is universal worship. By miraculous works and marvelous deeds he attracts the worship of millions, and by compulsion he gains the worship of many other millions.

### **The False Spirit, the False Prophet (Rev. 13:11-17)**

The *person* described here as the second beast has a relationship to the first beast that simulates the relation of the Holy Spirit to Christ. This person is *described* as a wild beast. The two horns like a lamb suggest religious power. But he speaks like a dragon. Since this does not have to do with appearance, it must refer to his message. With all the religious subtlety of the serpent through the centuries, this beast propagates a message of religious delusion (II Cor. 4:4; 11:13-15). This beast is the counselor and prime minister for Antichrist. His purpose is to turn all devotion and worship toward



Antichrist. And he has force at his command to compel devotion to the first beast.

The power of this second beast to compel obedience to his commands is tremendous. With the wealth of the world concentrated in his hands, he is able to perform feats that would otherwise be impossible.

Because he has a commercial monopoly on the wealth of the world, the false prophet is able to compel all men to bow the knee to his demands. If they want to live, they must receive the mark, bear the name, or the number of the first beast. Extreme need drives men into the camp of the Antichrist. Only those who love not their lives unto death because they have the mark of Christ upon them in salvation will resist this tyranny of the end time. Since Christ is all the fullness of God incarnate in human flesh, it is to be expected that Satan will produce a counterfeit.

## The Jew . . .

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mans 11:30 and 31 he tells us the opportunity for a gentile believing in Christ was contingent upon the Jew *not* believing. Without this unbelief, which many Christians profess to be unable to understand, the gentile world would never have experienced the mercy of God. Regardless of the other positions which the Jew occupies in prophecy, the position which should be of greatest concern to the Christian is the one the Jew occupies at the present. Because

of this prophetic position of unbelief we who were afar off are now able to draw nigh through the blood of Christ, and this because of Jewish unbelief.

But the Christian dare not stop there, for he has become a part of the prophetic picture of Israel; he has obtained mercy through the Jew's unbelief. A Christian who is interested in "The Jew in Prophecy" and has never evidenced a personal interest in the spiritual welfare, the personal salvation, of the Jews with whom he comes in contact is an enigma, a riddle which defies human solution. Certainly he baffles me and I'm sure he is a puzzle to himself.

The solution to such an attitude lies in the truth that we all need to be reminded frequently of the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! That He could leave the Jew in unbelief so that He might have mercy upon everyone is a point all Christians would do well to consider.

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*"The Night is far Spent"*

# Praise and Prayer

**BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

## **MISSIONARY HERALD**

**PRAISE** the Lord for the good response to our latest *Herald* subscription renewal appeal.

**PRAY** that dedicated Brethren writers will be enabled to challenge our fellowship with Spirit-inspired messages.

**PRAY** that this special prophecy edition will prove to be a great asset to our churches in their visitation ministry.

**PRAISE** the Lord for His evident blessing upon the free literature ministry of the *Missionary Herald*. Plans are being formulated for expanding the program, with special visitation brochures and gospel tracts. **Pray** that the Lord will direct.

## **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**PRAISE** the Lord for helping the Phil Guernas to get settled in Mexico and for the first young man to accept Christ. **Pray** for a Bible training class which Brother Guerna purposes to start in his home very soon.

**PRAY** for the complete restoration of Brother Jack Churchill in Argentina as he recuperates from hepatitis.

**PRAISE** God for the blessings of a recent communion service held at the Centre Evangelique in Lyon, France.

**PRAY** for Miss Barbara Hulse as she heads up the Christian Day School at Capanema, Brazil.

**PRAISE** the Lord for the way He has been using the ministry of our African brother, Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, as a blessing in various Brethren churches in the United States.

## **BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

**PRAY** for the summer team which starts June 10 at Danville, Ohio.

**PRAY** for Ron Thompson's season which begins in September, and as he travels West through January.

**PRAISE** God for over 300 decisions in Bob Collitt's meetings this season.

**PRAY** for the members of the Board of Evangelism, for they will soon be meeting in business session to plan greater evangelism for Christ.

## **GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**PRAY** for the summer activities of both faculty and students that they may be pleasing to the Lord.

**PRAY** for those who recently graduated from the college and seminary that they may find God's best for their lives.

**PRAY** for the entering classes of next fall that they may be completed at an early date.

**PRAY** for progress on the new dormitory that it may be completed at an early date.

**PRAISE** God for the largest total graduating class (101-72 in the college, and 29 in the seminary) in the history of our school.

## **HOME MISSIONS**

**PRAISE** God for the groundbreaking service at Margate, Florida and at the same time the starting of the third church in Florida by Fort Lauderdale.

**PRAISE** God that progress is being made on needed new building additions at Albuquerque, New Mexico and Rialto, California.

**PRAY** for the much needed facilities at Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Parkersburg, West Virginia.

**PRAY** for the Home Mission churches of Wheaton, Illinois, Grand Rapids, Michigan and Hagerstown, Maryland, where there will be changes of pastors.

**PRAY** for the summer program at the Navajo Mission.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**PRAY** that the gains made in our recent Loyalty Campaign will be

maintained throughout the summer.

**PRAY** that the teachers going on vacation during the summer may be replaced during their absence by competent teachers.

**PRAY** that there may be no summer relaxation in our Sunday-school program.

**PRAY** for the final plans of our Sunday School Convention August 11 and 12.

**PRAY** for the continued support of the National Sunday School Board's work that adequate funds may be sent in.

## **WMC**

**PRAY** that our local councils may have the leading of the Lord in the election of their officers for next year.

**PRAY** that a harvest of souls may be reaped as our women labor for Him in many of our Vacation Bible Schools this month.

## **YOUTH**

**PRAY** for the several young people who made decisions recently in our meetings. **Pray** for one teen-ager especially who wants to serve the Lord and go to Grace College, but does not have the money.

**PRAY** for the special meetings throughout the summer, and especially for our ministry in summer camps. **Pray** that the Lord would use His Word to the salvation and dedication of many teen-agers.

**PRAY** for the need of counselors for our national youth conference.

## **SMM**

**PRAY** for the plans being made for the 50th anniversary celebration at national conference.

**PRAY** for the local groups of SMM who will be electing officers in June.

**PRAY** for the girls graduating from college as they enter new phases of work that they may be real testimonies for the Lord.

## **LAYMEN**

**PRAY** for the planning of our national conference laymen's sessions.

**PRAISE** God for the response to the scholarship fund. **Pray** for its completion.



# The Jew in Prophecy

By Rev. Bruce L. Button

Much has been said in the past relative to the position the Jew occupies in Biblical prophecy. Fifty years ago most men would have emphatically denied the possibility of the Jewish people ever taking up residence in the Holy Land as a recognized nation. In fact, fifteen years ago many men scoffed at the idea that 600,000 Jews could withstand the onslaught of 46,000,000 Arabs. Yet when the smoke of battle cleared a new nation and a new flag were clearly seen to be established in the land of Palestine. Since that time many thousands of Jews have "gone home" to Israel, and through diligent and hard work have caused a great portion of the land they occupy to blossom as a rose. Other portions have been turned into an industrial marvel. Still other portions are being worked upon that they might bountifully yield to the plow or to industry and thus supply additional support and living space for other thousands of Jews who may or may not want to return to the land Jehovah promised to their fathers.

Men and women of our day are the most fortunate of people for we have seen overwhelming evidence of the validity of God's Word, the Bible, in the re-establishment of Israel as a nation among other nations of the world. Men have been waiting centuries for this event to take place.

The unbelieving world witnesses the rebirth of the nation of Israel as a passing experience which has no

particular significance in the course of human events. The world has seen new nations appear, and they have seen these same nations disappear. They look upon Israel in the same way they look upon these other nations. The unbelieving world is skeptical. To tell the world Israel is once again in her homeland as a nation because of the will and action of God is tantamount to describing a beautiful sunset to a man blind from birth. No more can we expect the world to understand the import of this new nation, for the world is dead spiritually. It has never experienced the delight of the knowledge of God. The world can never appreciate what the nation of Israel portends in the twilight of man's day anymore than the blind man can appreciate the beauties of a sunset.

However it is different, or should be different, with the Christian. He has his spiritual eyes and can, or should, appreciate what has happened in that land. Some Christians refuse to consider the Jew as a serious entity in God's plan for the ages. Perhaps the reason for such an attitude is the result of a faulty understanding to the Christian's responsibility toward the Jew. Maybe an attitude of unconcern. If today's Christian is to understand the place the Jew occupies in prophecy, he *must understand what his responsibility is toward the Jew*. He cannot simply throw open the doors of the church, preach the Gospel, and let the chips fall where they may. Neither can he be indifferent to his responsibility to evangelize the Jew. Rather he must understand that he as a Christian is the means to God's end for the Jew. The Jew can never reach the ultimate place he is to occupy in prophecy without the heart interest and concern of the Christian.

Paul stressed this truth in his letter to the Roman church. In Roman  
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**If I Had Another Life to Live—?  
From Here to There and Back  
No Plans for Retirement!**

Foreign Missions and WMC Issue

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## Who Actually Holds the Purse Strings?

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

Sometimes there is a feeling that the board of trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church holds the purse strings; that if there is a failure to supply the needs of a mission field or a missionary, the board of trustees is responsible. Many times the statement is made: "The board did it!"

In a sense it is true that the board does it. By the very constitution and bylaws of the Foreign Missionary Society, the board of trustees is entrusted with the business operation of the Society. Thus far, it is true to say: "The board did it."

But, in a far greater sense the board of trustees does what it is forced by circumstance to do. Of course, these men, so entrusted, should not spend money they do not have, and continue to do so. Already far too much borrowed money has been spent. And, this borrowed money must be paid from future gifts, and decreases the amount available for the budget of the year ahead.

"The board did it"—yes—when there was a 20 percent average cut in field budgets for 1963 from that which had been asked by the various fields. (Please understand that this was not a cut from the amount of last year's budget. In some cases a field has more money to spend than it had last year. The cut was made on the basis of the field's request for the year ahead and not from the amount of the former year's expenditures.) The board did it, and the board could not have done otherwise. The board can spend only that which you people, God's people (usually God's Brethren people) have supplied. There is a possibility that an adjustment in the various field budgets can be made at the annual meeting in August. However, it must be acknowledged that the

prospects for an adjustment in the direction of more money for the fields can hardly be expected.

There is even serious possibility that further severe cuts may need to be made. We know this is discouraging to the missionaries whose lives have been given to this great work. But we cannot pay bills with money we do not have.

Now, there is some encouragement. During the first four months of 1963 our total offering income was \$73,398.65. This is an increase of \$17,513.28 over the offerings for the same period in 1962, but, however, a decrease of \$14,434.38 over the offerings for that same period in 1961.

But, a disturbing factor is that our expenditures during the four months have skyrocketed. Expenses go in cycles, according to the number of missionaries going and coming from the fields. For the first four months of 1963 expenses have come to an all-time high of \$151,623.10. This is \$31,722.15 above the mark of the same period a year ago. In foreign missions the expenditures of any one year result largely from authorizations over a period of three to five years before the time that the money is expended.

The board of trustees has come to the firm conviction that we must not increase further the indebtedness of the Society, and that from now on we must move in the direction of the complete liquidation of the indebtedness. There seems to be evidence that God is blessing in foreign-mission activities. And, since our indebtedness has been incurred in line with activities which He is blessing, we do believe that God will care for our obligation. However, the faith that the board of trustees has is that *through His people* God will supply that which is needed to dissolve this obligation, and that in the future we shall look to Him for the funds *before* they are spent.

Yes; in a sense the board did it, but actually, the Society did it. It is the responsibility of the entire Brethren Church, and each individual member. Therefore, we must pass on to its rightful source the contention that the board did it, and to say: "Every member of The Brethren Church did it!" Let's all accept responsibility, and determine to do a better job of praying, a better job of personal presentation to the Lord, and a better job of supporting Brethren Foreign Missions.



COVER PHOTO

Youngsters gathered for a special meeting in the "Chalet Evangelique," portable tabernacle used in the Brethren work in France. (Photo by Tom Julien)

☆ *It's June—month of graduations, weddings,  
events which will determine futures—  
and a missionary ponders—*

# IF I HAD ANOTHER LIFE TO LIVE--?

By Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle

What a ridiculous question! How preposterous! Just wishful thinking! Yes; but here is a question which is often in the minds of men. If they had a second or third life to spend upon the earth, how would they use it? What changes would be made as compared to the first life?

May I give a testimony, for I too have asked myself this question?

(a) Knowing what I know now, I would accept Christ at a very young age. Decision day would come the first time I was able to understand in my young mind the glorious plan of salvation and fling myself into the open arms of the wise and loving God, who established a plan whereby any sinner can seek and find cleansing in the fountain of the blood of Christ.

What a blessing to have a Shepherd to guide one through life, to have a Friend "who sticketh closer than a brother." Just the other day I heard of an elderly man who became desperate after the loss of his wife, began drinking, and desired to commit suicide. He was without hope because he did not know the Saviour. This story could be told hundreds of times each day we live, for most men are without God and therefore without hope in this world.

(b) Knowing what I know now, I would consecrate my life to God

the very day of my conversion. The Lord searches the human heart and knows its needs. He is the One who can satisfy those needs and should be the One to direct man's life. There is only one way by which a person can be happy upon this earth and reach God's intended plan for his life. It is, to use an illustration, by presenting to the Lord the day of conversion a book filled with blank sheets of paper and letting Him write the life story.

(c) Knowing what I know now, I would offer my life for service in God's army at an early age. All Christians are servants of Jehovah, and their secular occupation should be of secondary importance, only a means of livelihood. One category of God's servants is those who have no secular employment and who are said to be in "full-time service." They depend directly upon God to supply their needs and give themselves to His work. What a joy to live day by day counting on the Lord to supply, to see Him pulling down "strongholds," to see Him doing what we consider the "impossible."

All cannot fulfill the responsibilities of a "full-time" servant, but when statistics are studied, it is seen that the percentage of young men and women who stand up for God and go all out for Him should be considerably greater. A missionary

said some time ago: "There are so many fine, talented couples in my home church who should offer their lives to the Lord and prepare themselves to proclaim the Word of God."

(d) Knowing what I know now, I would be a foreign missionary. There is no special merit or glory attached to being a foreign missionary as compared to being a Bible teacher in America, a home missionary, a pastor or other Christian worker, for God calls and uses people to serve Him in various places. The important thing is to be "on the battlefield for the Lord."

But as a part of my testimony, may I say that during my seminary days God spoke to me about possible service in China. I was so impressed by the need that I seriously thought of beginning to study Chinese. The Lord probably used this to stimulate my interest in foreign missions in general, for shortly after this the doors to China closed. During ensuing years He led my family and me to France, one of the neediest and most challenging fields of the world.

Our work in France is closely associated with the Brethren work in Africa. Knowing the possibilities there, if I had another life to give, I would happily spend it on that great continent. Then I consider the other fields of Brethren endeavor; then I look to the entire world. How tragic it is to contemplate the present situation—millions upon millions of souls are lost and headed toward damnation simply because no one cares for their souls. They have never stood face to face with a Spirit-controlled man or woman of God whose eyes are filled with love, whose heart is filled with warmth and passion and whose hand is offering the "Bread of Life" through the message of the Gospel.

Let us now return to the reality about ourselves. God has given to man *one* life. He does not offer His creatures a second or third chance to live on the earth, to make up for lost time, to compensate for mistakes made. As someone has said: "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR LIFE? YOU HAVE ONLY ONE!



*When you hear this man speak,  
or read his story,  
you will learn how the Gospel went*

# FROM HERE -- TO THERE AND BACK

*By Knute Larson*

The missionary challenge was similar to some that I have heard before. "Will you meet God empty-handed?" the speaker made us wonder. "You need to prove your faith by working for the Lord. You should come to the Central African Republic."

The big difference was that the speaker had black skin and he spoke in the Sango language. His sincerity made the thoughts hurt. You can't really listen to the man without wondering about your own obligation to his fellows in Africa.

Simon-Pierre Nambozouina knows about missions, for this forty-year-old African is a product of God's endeavors through Brethren missionaries in the heart of that continent. He is currently in America on U. S. Government subsidy to consult with linguistics experts in Hartford, Connecticut, who are preparing a dictionary and a grammar for the Sango-speakers. During a break in that work Simon is visiting Brethren churches with some of the missionaries who first taught him about Jesus Christ.

This pastor-professor's communication with youth groups, worship assemblies, and individuals is not hindered by his lack of knowledge of the English language, which he is learning rapidly and surely. With artful, aggressive arm movements accenting his meaningful words, this short, youthful speaker rips open his heart of love for his God and his needy people. The people who hear

him peek inside that heart and see Africans in need of more missionaries and missionaries in need of more equipment.

You just want to reach to shake Simon's hand and call him "Brother," and offer him help as he shares his thoughts.

Strong thoughts they are. For Simon has not learned about the needs of the tribes from slides or magazine articles, good as those may be. Rather, he is one of those people, for he has lived among those needs. He has served as a youth leader for twelve years, and as a pastor for three to help banish those needs. Currently he is a teacher of Old Testament and the Gospels in the Bible Institute at Bozoum, training others to meet the needs.



Simon-Pierre dines with the writer of the article

This African talks like those needs are a matter of life or death.

They are.

Simon-Pierre (when asked why he picked his Simon Peter name he smiled—"Did I not get it from the Bible?") feels a deep purpose for his remaining visits to Brethren churches this summer: "I am here to tell what God has done, and what we still need so they will help us."

"You can help us. In one way, we need people to help us in music. God knows that if we knew how to sing, we would glorify Him."

"We also need books and commentaries." Dr. Orville Jobson, veteran missionary of forty years and one of the spiritual fathers of Simon, explained that the library of the African pastor is about four inches thick.

Other needs which Simon shares fall into manpower and moneypower categories. This foreign missionary knows that the work is not yet done in Africa.

Yes, foreign missionary. Sent by God to the heart of America to witness to children in public schools, lead in missions discussions, challenge individual families, minister in the churches; to ask for more light for his own continent.

Had it not been for the Light of life this son of an idol-worshiper might still be offering chicken sacrifices to his forefather-god of protection. Now he praises and worships

the eternal, "everlasting, only God."

When thirteen, Simon heard his younger sister singing a song taught by an itinerant African pastor: "What Can Wash Away My Sin?" His father heard it and looked for more about this new God, for he wanted to bring the Spirit of that God into their village to erect a shrine. But death grabbed the father before he ever learned truth. Soon after that, in 1936, Simon left home to find the God who washes away sins.

The searcher found work as a houseboy for an African soldier in a village over twenty miles from home. But this soldier lashed stripes of blood on Simon's back because he went nearby to hear the Gospel. "One morning I told that soldier I was going to get firewood. I went for two days and found the Bellevue mission station [twenty miles further]. There I lived with a relative and heard more of the Gospel."

After three months in September '36, Simon was washed clean by the blood of the Saviour he sought and found.

Simon obeyed the Great Commission: "The Gospel went deep into my heart. I knew I should give it to others." The years of training and serving followed, and still continues.

When I asked Simon about his greatest experience as a Christian, he remembered his French-learning days: "One day I was very sick. I walked to the hospital—so weak that on the way the wind blew me over

several times before I crawled in the hospital."

There, in bed, that young Christian looked up and promised: "God, if You are there, and if You will heal me, then I will serve You for the rest of my life."

Six weeks of improvement later, Simon was ready to re-enter school, but was advised to drop out because he was so far behind. Discouraged, he went to the top of a nearby mountain and made a small, temporary house. Simon remembers his prayer:

"Lord Jesus, You have healed me and made me strong. I promised that I would serve You. If You accept my service, help me to catch up with my reading so that I can go along with the rest of the class."

Simon was smiling as Dr. Orville Jobson translated that last paragraph. I knew something good was coming.

"In three weeks time I caught up with the rest of them." He clapped his hands like "Zoom!" "Then I went on by the rest of them."

When Prof. Nambozouina returns to his home, he will rejoin his wife and eight children. He will take back hundreds of slides of Brethren Americans to show at the African national conference in November—all taken after a well-practiced English "Schmile" by Simon. There the 200 groups of Brethren Africans will hear of their brother's missionary "exchange trip," learning how Americans have promised to help.

Those who meet this missionary

cannot help but help. Have you heard Simon-Pierre yet?

Hear his mission challenges: "You must work for God to show your faith," he will say. "Come to help us. Do not delay. I ask you with tears."

Share his pleasures: "My favorite food America is cake and icesh-cream," he told me in deliberate, laughing English.

Know his personal notes: "When I was a boy I had to prove I was ready to be a man. I had to bite a stick across the back of my mouth as they chiseled away pieces of my front teeth so that they would be pointed."

Ask yourself his questions: "What are you thinking about? Missionaries have bought the land in Africa with their blood! It is your soil. Must the unsaved in Africa say you are not interested in the soil your missionaries bought with their lives?"

Remember him. You will, for sure. You will remember Simon-Pierre Nambozouina as a strong-faithed man who is specific: "You should go to the Central African Republic."

You will also remember him as being *prejudiced*—prejudiced because he has lived with people who have no God; because he has watched his friends and relatives bow to carved images to satisfy their innate desire to worship; because he has tried to dance and sacrifice his way to acceptance with false gods.

You might note also that Simon is *lopsided* in his thinking about missions—lopsided because he thinks that his people deserve to hear at least once; because he has watched and led others from their traditional confusion in worship to the light of eternal peace that comes with the worship of Christ; because he knows that more people and money are desperately needed in his homeland.

How much better would it be if all of us here in America were more *prejudiced* and *lopsided* in our thinking?

Perhaps then we would lean more toward Africa and other foreign opportunities in our plans for living and giving.

Perhaps then Simon's mission to the heart of America will have been very successful.



Simon-Pierre and an interpreter, Dr. Floyd Taber



# P R A I S E

## The Fruit of Our Lips

By Mrs. Roy B. Snyder

It was such a hot day! But it was normal weather for February here in Africa. About the middle of the afternoon we stopped our work for a cold drink. How thankful we are for our kerosene refrigerator in weather like this. As I took my cold coke and sat down to enjoy it, I picked up the *Brethren Missionary Herald* that had just arrived. (It was a November issue. It takes three months for magazines to arrive here.)

I began to read the back page of the magazine. "Brethren Day of Prayer—November 15." I read five items of prayer for Home Missions. Pray—pray—pray—pray—pray. Then three prayer requests for the work of evangelism. Then some for the seminary and college. Pray—pray—pray.

Suddenly I came upon the word "Praise." "Praise the Lord for the fine student body registered at Grace schools." My eyes flew to the top of the page. Sure enough, the title-head said, "Prayer and Praise." Quickly I scanned the rest of the page. "Pray for Foreign Missions, Laymen, Sunday School, WMC, SMM, Youth Council, and Missionary Herald." Pray—thirty-five times. But "praise" just four times.

I began to ponder. Why are there not more items for praise? Is it just because of lack of space or are we forgetting to praise and give thanks along with our asking? I checked the page again. Yes, it was for November 15. November, the month of Thanksgiving! Yet only four items for praise.

We all know how important and vital prayer is to Christian growth and all areas of the Lord's work. But surely praise is just as important, is it not?

Perhaps we need to devote more time to praise in the light of present-day situations. We face real needs in The Brethren Church.

- Missionary personnel is dwindling, new recruits are few.
- Sickness is disabling the Lord's servants at home and abroad.
- Indifference is growing among Christians.
- Giving is down.
- Prayer supporters are fewer.
- Disinterest is manifested in spiritual things.
- There's a growing love for the world and its pleasures.
- Unfaithfulness to church services is increasing.

I read just recently an interesting story in the history of the United States. Sir Frances Drake was making an early, heartbreaking, trying voyage around the world. Along the shores of California, when all seemed against him and the crew was near mutiny, he stopped for a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for all His blessings. In his adversity he remembered God and displayed such confidence that a discouraged crew took heart.

Should we not have praise-meetings as well as prayer-meetings? When discouragement or encouragement comes, let's praise Him. When joy or sorrow is our lot, let's praise Him. Whether adversity or prosperity is ours, let's praise Him. If it is bitter or sweet, pleasant or unpleasant, let's praise Him. Psalm 71 tells us to hope continually and praise Him *more and more*.

Praising the Lord for blessings already received increases our faith and enables us to approach God with new assurance and boldness. As we think of the many answers to prayer already received, our faith grows and we realize that there is nothing too hard for our God.

The mighty men of prayer in the Bible were men of praise. Let's be mighty men and women of prayer *and* praise today.

Praise ye the Lord!



The Cover family and the scene of the tent campaign

## Praise and Prayer at Corral de Bustos

By Mrs. Robert J. Cover

"I don't want those evangelicals coming to my house. I won't allow them to enter." Those were the words spoken by Senor Ramon, the son-in-law of one of the believers here in Corral de Bustos. The occasion was the death of his father-in-law, Senor Campos. Mrs. Campos has been a believer for several years, and she had enjoyed the occasional visits of her brothers and sisters in Christ during the long illness of her husband. She enjoyed the prayers by these brothers and sisters in behalf of him.

But for Pedro Ramon it was a different matter. He did not know the Lord of heaven. He did not know the power of prayer. He was a sinner—this he knew, but he did not know there was salvation through Christ for a sinner. He did not care to listen to his mother-in-law. He had his own ideas.

After the death of Senor Campos his wife, Dona Rosa, as she is known to the believers, went to live with the Ramons. The believers stopped visiting her because of her son-in-law. Then in December, just six months later, we had a tent campaign with four of the Bible Institute students.

Many came to hear the Gospel and Dona Rosa wanted to attend, but was unable because she had no one to come with her; and since she lived a good distance from the church and would have to walk, she couldn't come alone. Her daughter did not care to come.

After the tent meetings were over Dona Rosa still wanted to come and finally persuaded her daughter to accompany her one night. After that they were there every Sunday night. Then they started attending the ladies' meeting.

"We're so glad you are coming to the meetings," I said to Mrs. Ramon one afternoon after the ladies' meeting. She smiled and said: "Yes; I have enjoyed it. We'll see if I continue."

Soon she was attending the Wednesday night Bible study, and the Friday prayer meeting, and then one Sunday night in January she accepted the Lord as her Saviour.

It was evident that there was a great change in her life. Seeing this, Pedro soon decided he wanted his children to be in church also, so he called one of the believers who lives close by and asked if she would take the children to Sunday school with

her. A few weeks later Mrs. Ramon asked us to visit them when her husband was home. I asked her if her husband would mind and she replied: "Oh, no! I told him and he says it's O.K."

We made the visit and during the conversation my husband said to him: "Apparently your wife and children are very interested in the Gospel." "Yes," he replied, "and I'm not going to prohibit them from going." Not long afterward Senor Ramon came to church. After church he said he liked it so much he was not going to miss a single night. He works in the *campo* (country) and is not always able to come during the week, but when he can be there on Sunday, he is always present.

The fifteen-year-old son has made a decision and is studying a basic Bible course.

Senor Ramon still has not made a decision for the Lord, but we feel the time is near. We have already seen the Lord work in his life through the prayers of the believers, and now we are trusting that through prayer he will be won to Christ. We long to see him serving the Lord. Will you help us win this man to the Lord by praying for him?



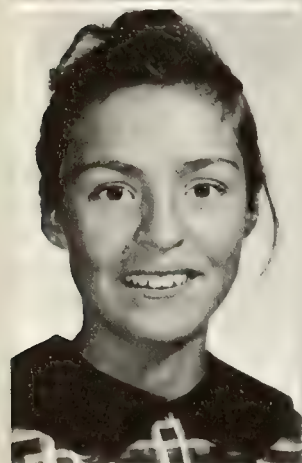
## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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**MISSIONARY HELPERS**—Left to right: Kathy, Vicky, Duane, and Shelly Poirier, all from Trout Lake, Michigan, where they attend the Ozark Grace Brethren Church. Below: Dorothy Anglada, Taos, New Mexico (Canon Brethren Church).



### KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES

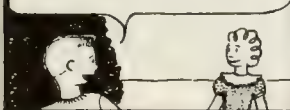
Rev. and Mrs. Clark Miller went to Argentina in the fall of 1961 and are now serving at Huinca Renanco where Mr. Miller is the missionary pastor. The Millers are from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. They attended Grace College and Seminary, and after their appointment as missionaries to Argentina, they went to the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Texas to study Spanish for a year before going to the field.



### MARY MISSIONARY—

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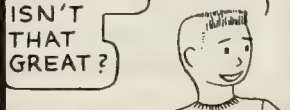
MARY, I WAS SO GLAD WHEN I HEARD THAT THE GUERENA FAMILY IS SETTLED IN MEXICO!



ME TOO, HARRY! WE'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR THEM FOR A **LONG** TIME — AND GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS



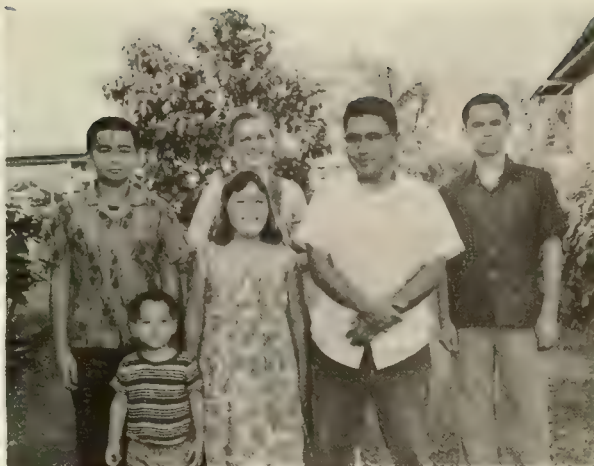
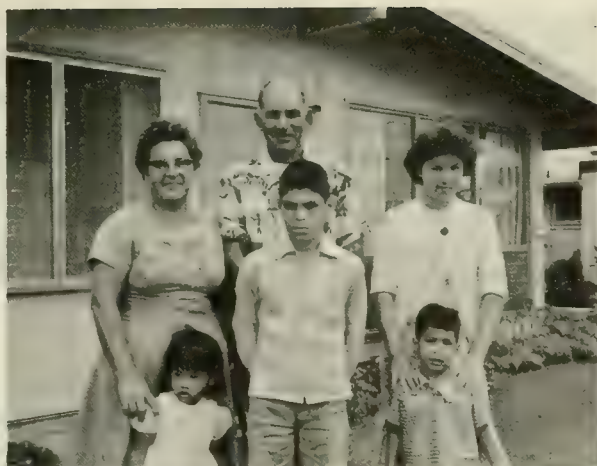
ALREADY ONE YOUNG MAN HAS ACCEPTED CHRIST AS HIS SAVIOUR. ISN'T THAT GREAT?



YES, AND THEY WANT TO START A BIBLE CLASS SOON. LET'S PRAY THAT THEY CAN!





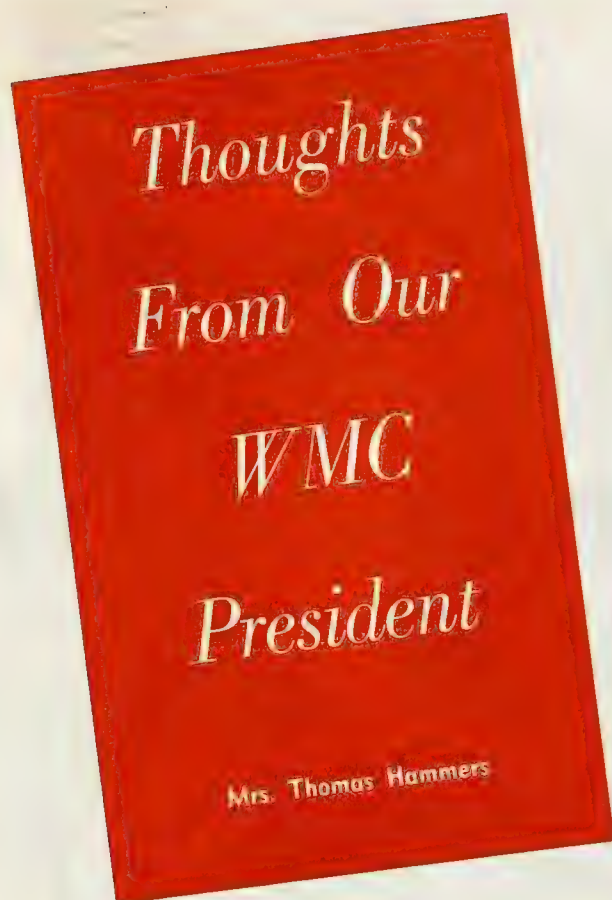


## WAIPIO GLIMPSES

Photos from the Brethren work in Waipio, Hawaii, where Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise are the missionaries. Included are a Sunday school class, a Good News club, a group of Sunday school teachers and two pupils, and several families now united in Christ (except for the very youngest members), saved, and baptized.







The coconut trees along the river's bank had stood for many years. Fierce storms had buffeted them, but they had not broken them. They remained steadfast, green, and beautiful, continually bearing their fruit. They reminded us of the words of David when he said: "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

This is the picture of the Christian who is preserved and guarded by the hand of God. This is the surrendered one who does not waver in the buffeting of life's trials. This is the life of the child of God as she is nurtured, watered, and sustained so that fruit might abound. This is the assurance we have received from I and II Peter through this year that we are *Kept by the Power of God*.

It was Hannah in her song of thanksgiving who said: "My heart rejoiceth in the Lord . . . for there is none beside thee . . . the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints." Like Hannah, have our lives this year been yielded in full surrender to God, has our confidence and strength been in Him? If so, then we have not only remained steadfast, but we also have been growing and bearing fruit because He has kept our feet to walk in ways for Him. Let us ask ourselves, How have we walked?

### Growth

Each year there is advancement in WMC. We have added a number of new councils this past year, but has there been growth in the membership in each local WMC? Our reports which are soon due will tell the story of how we have walked here. How many were added to the "body of Christ" because we prayed and witnessed? Has every WMC woman been a soul-winner? The power by which God keeps us will also enable us to attain this goal if we so desire.

### Prayer

How many in each council have been faithful in the fifteenth Day of Prayer? Of all the many needs of our missionaries, their most frequent request is, "Pray for us." Our national prayer chairman has a great yearning to see many women kneeling at the altar of prayer. Let us encourage more to walk in this area. Increased participation here will perform miracles in the life of your WMC, homes, and church.

### Work

June is a busy month in WMC. Each council will elect its new officers, the Foreign Mission Offering to help reduce the debt on the new Missionary Residence will be sent in, as well as the Missionary Birthday Offering and the Jewish Missions Thank Offering. We have done well in our giving thus far this year, but we would encourage every local council to have a part in every major national offering. These are your missionary projects, and not until you have given will you experience the rich blessing God bestows on those who share their own possessions with His missionary servants.

### Offerings

During June, July and August each WMC will be taking the General and Publication Offering. This offering is the lifeline of WMC, and without it we could not continue to function as an organization. Will you consider the wealth of materials supplied from this fund and encourage a greater participation? Do you know that even this is a missionary offering, for each year 15 percent of it is tithed for some missionary work?

### Conference

The WMC Conference Program Committee from the Indiana district has planned a week of rich blessings for us at National Conference. We trust many of you will be present. Come prepared to be enriched, enthused, and blessed. Come expecting to have a part in the fiftieth Birthday Anniversary celebration of the beginning of SMM. Come anticipating the joy of fellowship with our missionaries and WMC sisters. Our wondrous God by whose power we are kept will meet us there. Come willing to be infilled and empowered for His service.

# BUILDING

# PRAYING

# KEEPING

# LOOKING

By Mrs. Lewis C. Hohenstein

Whittier, California

The Christian life is an active one, not a passive one. You cannot stand-still. Jude gives a formula of insurance against apostasy of the church and apostate teachers. The true believer can be assured and comforted by these verses. Notice the verbs in action: building, praying, keeping, and looking.

Only a few days ago my employer unrolled on his desk several large blueprints. They were the prints of the home he is building. To me it looked like many lines, blocks, and figures without rhyme or reason. He explained the various rooms, access points, placement of doors and windows. What had seemed before a hopeless maze was now taking on form. When he had completed his explanation, I could visualize the finished building. So God has given us a blueprint for our lives, not only has he laid a foundation, but also provided a capstone. We are to faithfully follow the exact specifications, or we will have a building that will never pass "final" inspection.

We are to build on our "most holy faith." What is faith? The writer of Hebrews tells us in chapter 11 that: "Faith is the evidence of things hoped for, the evidence [title deed] of things not seen." Before building you must be sure to have a title deed.

Faith is then composed of two parts; belief and trust. If I step to the wall switch to turn on the light and say: "I surely do believe that if I push the button, the light will 'come on' and then walk away without doing so, the room will not be illuminated with light. I do not understand electricity, but I trust

the principle and not only believe that pushing the button will flood the room with light, but I also trust that it will work and do so. Immediately the light fills the room. Therefore keep building yourselves up in the most holy faith, which we have received through the finished work of Christ.

As Christians, all of us at times pray perfunctory prayers. Jude exhorts us to pray in the Holy Ghost. How weary we grow of people saying: "But I pray and my prayers are not answered." Oh, but they are, friend. All of them. God sometimes says no, or wait awhile. He knows what is best for us, and at what particular time. How easy it is to forget our God is omnipotent. Paul tells us in I Thessalonians 5:17 to "pray without ceasing." He did not say go into your own room and stay there for days on end. He meant to be in an attitude of prayer at all times. There was a time when I felt I should only pray for the "big things." I felt surely God was too busy for all the small things of all people. He has proven that He wants me to ask for help in small things, even to finding a parking place, or sewing a difficult seam.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." Webster says "to keep" means to preserve or maintain—to have care of, tend—to continue to hold—to cause to remain unchanged—to behave—to conduct—to preserve or continue—to last—endure. Need we further explain what Jude meant? Avoid apostasy and apostate teachers. "Keep the faith."

"Looking for the mercy of our

Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." When you expect the arrival of a guest, you do not look once and then dismiss them with a shrug thinking, "Well, they aren't coming anyway." No; you continue daily or hourly to look intently for their arrival.

I had a dear old stately, white-haired grandfather, who was a retired railroad man. Grandfather, while waiting for the arrival of a train, would pace the old wooden platform of the station. With watch in hand, he peered every few seconds down the track waiting to catch the first glimpse of the train, which was due to arrive at a certain hour. He knew it would not arrive early, they never do, but he did not give up looking until the train was finally in sight.

Are we looking intently for Jesus Christ and His return, or are we just remembering to glance that way occasionally?

In Phillips translation these verses read: "But, you dear friends of mine, build yourselves up on the foundation of your most holy faith by praying through the Holy Spirit keep yourselves within the love of God. Wait patiently for the mercy of our Jesus Christ which will bring you to the life eternal."

And then like the climax of a great anthem, Jude says in verses 24 and 25: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."



# AN EXPERIENCE

## THAT DREW ME CLOSE TO THE LORD



By Mrs. Robert Thompson

Westminster, California

When I was asked to write of an experience that drew me close to the Lord, I sat for quite sometime thinking of the many blessings I have received since becoming a Christian. Each one is dear and special to me, but seem rather commonplace compared to the dramatic experience of others.

In our home we have never had a serious illness or accident, and the Lord has more than supplied our every need. He gave us two wonderful children who have been a constant source of joy and blessing to us.

I would, however, like to relate an experience that stands out as a milestone of God's care and blessing.

One of my first assignments as a Christian was teaching a class of ninth grade girls. They were girls from all walks of life. Some were members of our class, some were not. Some were going to the Brethren High School, and some to public schools.

What a challenge the Lord had put before me. I had a daughter of comparable age, and had to memorize Philippians 4:13. I began an experience that was to become a great source of satisfaction and joy.

The girls were lovely, but typical ninth graders. With the passing of weeks, a rapport was established that made class time a delight. One by one I saw the girls make decisions of various kinds. Of the few who were then members of the church,

there were decisions of dedication. The real thrill came one Sunday morning when five of them made public decisions in the morning worship hour.

The years have slipped away since then, and there have been many classes of a variety of ages, but none have so gripped my heart as this one. Perhaps this is because of the occasional report from, or about, dif-

ferent members of the class. To hear that the girls themselves recall with gladness our times together encourages me to greater efforts for Him.

As a pastor's wife whose days are full with the busy demands of a new church, I find that God sometimes becomes remote. It is then that this experience proves the validity of I Corinthians 15:50: "Therefore, my beloved Brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord," and I draw very near to him.

### MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

#### AFRICA—

Gloria Elizabeth Mason	August 13, 1951
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Dr. Floyd W. Taber	August 16
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Miss Ruth Kent	August 21
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. J. P. Kliever	August 21
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic	

#### ARGENTINA—

Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock	August 17
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Rev. Clark W. Miller	August 18
San Martin 254, Huinca Renanco, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Rev. Jack B. Churchill	August 20
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Aldo Elwyn Hoyt	August 21, 1950
Chiclana 1074, Don Bosco, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.	
Lynette Marie Cover	August 21, 1958
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	

#### BRAZIL—

Rev. Randall E. Maycumber	August 1
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil	

#### FRANCE—

Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle	August 7
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. & O.) France	
Terry Lee Julien	August 27, 1959
c/o Rev. Fred Fogle, 5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. & O.) France	

#### MEXICO—

Duane Edmiston	August 14, 1955
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	

#### PUERTO RICO—

Ruth Elaine Brenneman	August 16, 1955
P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico	

#### IN THE UNITED STATES—

Rev. Bill A. Burk	August 5
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Stephen Paul Mason	August 6, 1949
2926 Pittsburgh Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana	
Mrs. George A. Johnson	August 10
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Phillip Valdo Guereña, Jr.	August 10, 1959
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Susan Robbins	August 19, 1954
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Miss Elizabeth Tyson	August 25
105 Seminary Drive, Winona Lake, Indiana	



▼ A salute to a much-loved missionary who marks a momentous milestone this month, but has

## No Plans for Retirement!

By Mrs. Don Wardell

In the past dozen years a tiny, white-haired lady has traveled among Brethren churches from one end of the United States to the other to minister in her own individual way. As she stretches to peer over a pulpit, with her blue eyes earnest, and her words deliberate, clear, and forceful, she has given forth that which the Lord has laid on her heart. "Brethren, the glorious light of the Gospel has shone into many hearts, and has so completely changed them that thousands have turned to God from idols and now worship and serve the true and living God through the Lord Jesus. But, brethren, many hearts in Africa are still black . . ." The speaker's fourscore years of earthly experience have included a quarter of a century on the mission field in Africa, and whether she is addressing a Sunday-school class, WMC, Missionary Helpers, VBS, a camp, or whatever the group may be, you soon know that missions is a word indelibly stamped into her being.

She is making her home in a compact, cheery apartment in the residence for retired missionaries in Winona Lake, Indiana. Rose Alverda Foster can now reminisce of Africa with co-workers of former years, and enjoy fellowship with the missionaries who always stop in Winona Lake as they come and go from their fields of service.

But although she is classified as a retired missionary, and is celebrating her eightieth birthday this June, Mrs. Foster really has no plans for retirement. She does admit that no doubt her traveling days are approaching an end, and she is looking for some new avenue of service for her Lord. "I praise the Lord for the years He has given me, and especially for those that have been used for His glory. There is no use living if we are not using our time and talents for Him," she says.

A native Pennsylvanian, Mrs. Foster is one of the steadily decreas-

ing number who can claim a log cabin birthplace. While she was a small girl, the family moved to Shamokin and her father went to work in the mines. Her mother died suddenly when Rose, the eldest of the four children, was only eleven.

Rose's next home was on a farm where she went to live at the age of twelve. Seven days a week she labored early and late at all kinds of tasks to earn board and keep plus a tiny cash remuneration. At sixteen she moved to the big city of Philadelphia. After trying other employment, she went to work for a lace-curtain manufacturing concern. This was long before the forty-hour week, too.

During that lonely life in Philadelphia, Rose dreamed of a home of her own. A few years later she met the one who was to bring her dream to reality. He was, she reports, "A fine moral young man with high standards of living. I fell desperately in love with him." In May 1906 she became his wife. "We were poor as far as the things of this life were concerned, but very happy. At last I had someone to love and obey, and this brought a feeling of security." Joseph Foster was a textile worker, Rose continued on with her job in the factory, and fifteen years passed with little change in their lives.

One day a young co-worker confronted Rose with a pertinent question. She asked Rose if she were a Christian. "I hope so," came the reply. For back in her early days in Philadelphia she had been invited to an evangelistic service by the lady in whose home she boarded. And although that night Rose did receive the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour, and she always dates her "new birth" from that time, there was no assurance in her heart about the matter. This produced the "hope so" answer she gave her friend.

"You need not only hope so—you can know so," the young lady told her. In wonderment Rose asked, "How?" Her friend quoted to her the

verse found in John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath . . ." Immediately upon hearing the word "hath," Rose realized the truth and a flood of blessing poured into her heart. Then she *knew* that already she possessed eternal life!

Through her friend, Rose became acquainted with the Philadelphia Bible Institute and found an intense desire to attend the school. Much to her surprise, her husband was willing. "If you want to go—go," he told her. And Rose, who was then thirty-eight, quit her job and started regular classes at the school. It was through contacts during her two years at PBI that she became acquainted with The Brethren Church.

At the same time Rose began to pray earnestly for her husband's salvation. The Lord answered her prayer, for in due time Joe too became a Christian. Then together the couple, who had so long lived for themselves, found a new desire—to serve the Lord.

In those days of the early 20's, The Brethren Church was hearing much of the new mission field in the Oubangui-Chari province of French Equatorial Africa. The Fosters felt the Lord could use them in Africa, and they volunteered for service. They were refused. A year later



Mrs. Foster with a friend, Mrs. Floyd Taber



## WMC News

**LISTIE, PA.** Christian greetings from the Listie WMC. In the absence of a full-time pastor, our ladies have responded very nicely in entertaining our evangelist last fall and the many supply speakers. We now have as our interim pastor Rev. Max De-Armev, a brother of Rev. Richard De-Armev.

We had charge of a Sunday evening service in October with Mrs. Ida Mae Anthony from Conemaugh as our speaker.

Our excess bandages were made into forty-four rugs by one of our ladies.

In November, two of our ladies were involved in a train-car collision immediately after our WMC meeting. The Lord saw fit to take Mrs. Walter Bowen after the accident and

spared Mrs. C. J. Larmon, who spent many weeks of recuperating including an operation. Since then the fireman on the engine accepted the Lord as his Saviour, and a young fellow from Listie accepted the Lord as the result of Mrs. Larmon's witnessing while both were patients in the hospital (Rom. 8:28).

Each spring there is a Somerset County Maple Festival at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. This year the local radio station had a "Sweetest of the Sweet" contest. Out of many hundreds of letters of nomination, Mrs. Larmon was one of five ladies chosen. Mrs. Ruth Beech, a member of our WMC, submitted the letter concerning Mrs. Larmon. These ladies were honored at the Festival and received the various maple products. The Listie church took advantage of this occasion to present Mrs. Larmon with an orchid corsage and Mr. Larmon with a boutonniere in

recognition of their untiring faithfulness to this church for many years. The Lord truly honors those who honor Him.

We had a hard winter, much sickness, but many blessings.

Mrs. Wm. E. (Ruth) Johnson

**LIMESTONE, TENN.** The WMC ladies gave a program emphasizing Family Devotions. Two of the ladies gave a skit on "Family Devotional Time," and one lady brought a message pointing out the need of family devotions. As a result, we hope more will follow the example.

The SMM girls gave a Sunday night program of the history of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. Emphasis was placed on the spiritual atmosphere of their meetings and the spiritual growth which helps them develop into leaders for the future.

Pastor Lester W. Kennedy

they again offered themselves. This time they were accepted, but with certain conditions. Because of the foreign board's reticence to send out a couple already in their middle years, the Fosters used their own money which had been saved to buy a home in the suburbs. Part of their funds bought their missionary outfit, part paid for passage and a year's study of the French language in Paris. They sailed from New York City in October 1925. When the year in France was ended, the foreign board approved their going on to Africa.

The Lord allowed the Fosters twenty-five years in Africa, years of contributing toward the steady growth with which God blessed the mission. But after early 1951 Africa was to be home to them no longer. When Mr. Foster's body was laid to rest in the soil of his adopted land, Mrs. Foster returned to the United States for an overdue furlough, and the Lord led her into a new ministry of speaking.

Her correspondence to mission-office headquarters has always told of her joy in the Lord and in serving Him. "It is a great joy for me to visit in Christian homes, speak in churches or wherever the Lord opens

a door for me, and to testify for the Lord as He leads . . ."

There have been trials of illness and disability, but each time God undertook. "I praise the Lord there is improvement. This is another answer to prayer. It seems Satan tries to hinder in every way possible. But 'greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world.' We have a great God who hears and answers prayer . . ."

But—"Anyone who really loves the Lord and appreciates what He has done for them could do nothing less than their best for Him . . ." "I pray daily that the Lord will continue to use me until He comes or calls me home. It is such a joyful occupation to serve Him."

Mrs. Foster's "first love" in Christian service, both on the field and at home, has always been to teach the Bible, and she has taught all ages. "It's so worthwhile to see the change in people."

She enjoys working with her hands, too, and has knitted dozens of garments for many individuals, besides dresses and sweaters for herself. Many pastors and other Brethren men wear hand-fashioned neckties with a "Made by Rose Foster"

label (she's made at least a couple hundred ties, she reports). She classifies these things as hobbies—along with her enjoyment of a good game of Scrabble.

To some folks she is "Aunt Rose," or "Mother Foster"; to a few of her contemporaries she's "Rose." But when the white-haired, scant-of-stature form no longer struggles to be seen from behind a pulpit, many Brethren across the country, from youngsters to oldsters, will respond warmly when they hear the name "Mrs. Foster."

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## KEEP LOOKING UP . . . IN SERVICE

By Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3

# KEEP LOOKING UP



In past months we have seen how useful different parts of our bodies are to us as Christians. Now, we come to the smallest, but perhaps the most important member of our body in the Lord's service, our lips.

With our lips we read aloud God's Word to others; with our lips we sing and speak praises to His name; with our lips we tell others about Him; and with our lips we talk to Him in prayer. God has given this "little" member a great work to do.

When a new machine is invented, only the inventor knows how to run it correctly. Only if it is run correctly will it produce that for which it is made. God has given us our lips so that we can praise and honor Him before others. He is the inventor and creator of them, and He alone knows how to "run" them correctly. If we try to do it without His help, then all sorts of evil things come from them, and they do not accomplish the purpose for which they were made, but rather bring dishonor and shame to their Creator. We need, therefore, to consecrate even our lips to His service, looking to Jesus to pray the prayer of David in Psalm 141:3: "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." And in Psalm 51:15: "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise."

Many times we are called on to do something for the Lord with our

lips. Some people find this very easy, while others find it extremely difficult. Easy or difficult, we must never undertake to speak for the Lord without first asking Him to help us. Our words and thoughts cannot be used by God unless He has directed them. Colossians 3:23 and 24 tell us that whatever we do should be done for



Mrs. Fogle

the Lord, not to please Mrs. Smith or Pastor Jones. Our service will mean something to us when we do it for the Lord, for we will want to do our very best for Him who has done so much for us.

Here in France, praise of the Lord is seldom on any of the lips that He has created. Adults and children often only know the Lord's name as a curse word. As you know, Mr. Fogle is teaching part time at a Bible Institute just outside of Paris. The other day a girl friend of Beckie's asked her what her Daddy taught. Beckie told her that he taught the

Bible. She replied, "What is that?" Beckie said: "Do you mean to tell me that you go to catechism, and you do not know what the Bible is?" "Oh, yes, I know what it is, it is a . . . a . . . a . . ." she answered. By this time she was embarrassed and quickly ran away. It is God's desire that this little girl, and millions like her, hear His Word and accept it so that they too can use their lips as God intended for them to use them. This is why we are in France.

We thank and praise the Lord for every life that has been changed because we said, "Yes," to the Lord when He asked us to serve Him in France.

There is the Communist who had lost all confidence in God because he had never heard that He had sent us a Saviour to save us from our sins. Now he loves the Lord, and his lips have won his mother's heart to the Lord too. There is the young couple who lived by "white magic," crystal ball gazing, and card reading, who have been delivered from this through putting their trust in Jesus. They now teach their little boy to sing choruses of praise to God with his little lips. There is the drunken father whose lips used to admit four quarts of wine a day. He has given his heart to Jesus and has allowed Jesus to change him. When God changes and cleanses a heart, the other members change too. It should





By Miss Ava Schnittjer  
Dean of Women, Grace College

# OUR PERSONALITY GUIDE

THIRD IN A SERIES OF THREE

Personality means a lot these days. In fact, we are told that most problems people have come not from vocational or mental inabilities, but from personal inadequacies and conflicts of personality. And this is true even though there are more books and articles than ever before on how to develop your personality or how to be popular.

Is the goal wrong?  
We are told that Jesus grew in favor with God and man, so it must not be wrong to have favor with man.

Is the method wrong?  
If we are trying to copy some outward traits, expressions, appearances, mannerisms that seem to work for others, I believe it is the wrong approach.

Jesus Christ is spoken of as the Author and Finisher of our faith. He

is also the Author and Finisher of everything worthwhile in our Christian lives, including Christian personality. In the life and personality of the Lord Jesus Christ, the ideal Christian personality is fully realized and exemplified.

And the method for developing a Christian personality is not to pour over personality guides—though they may help you to recognize some of your faults and inadequacies—but you are to look to Him “with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (II Cor. 3:18). We should read the Word of God with the goal of seeing Jesus in all His beautiful personality. And this personality is the showcase, the outward manifestation of a life that is in its very essence all holi-

ness in word, deed, thought, feeling, and motive. In its relationship to others, it is all love, the kind of love that is kind, does not envy others’ success, does not “show off”; it behaves itself. It “beareth all things”. It sees all problems and difficulties in the light of God’s eternal purpose.

Real personality is not putting something on the outside to cover your real feelings, your real self. It is the outworking of that which is *you*.

To develop a Christian personality, study His Word, and cultivate an intimate, personal awareness of the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in your inner life; *you*, “to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery . . . Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27).

follow then that a changed heart would speak no evil. Sometimes the lips “tattle” on their hearts.

Now let us look at the Lord Jesus for a few minutes. Long before us, He showed the way of true service by using His lips constantly for the glory of God His Father. With infatigable effort and perseverance He walked the length and breadth of Judea, Samaria, Perea, Galilee to teach the truths of the Scriptures. Many words of blessing and comfort came from His lips. These are recorded for us to read in the New Testament. It was with these blessed lips that He said in the garden of Gethsemane: “Not my will but thine be done.” These same lips pronounced the seven phrases on the cross which are so full of meaning. Jesus, as great and mighty as He was, was obedient to the will of God the Father. We need to model our lives after His life of obedience.

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

*Notice of Change of Addresses:*  
As of June 15 all mail to your national officers with address changes should be sent to the new addresses.

NOTE: Due to your editor’s itineration for the summer, all mail for the editor should be sent to the co-editor, Miss Joyce Baker, 3040 D Avenue, Cedar Rapids 2, Iowa.

All foreign missions points with SMM’s are asked to send their news items to the co-editor as quickly as possible.

If there is anyone in the past years who has not received her awards, please contact the National Literature Secretary, Nancy McMunn. The deadline for all past awards that have not been received is October 1, 1963.

## Suggested Program for July

### Bible Study:

“Keep Looking Up . . . in Service”  
Junior—Mrs. Harry Barndt  
Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker  
Senior—Mrs. Donald E. Cale

Memory Verse:  
Colossians 3:23-24

### Mission Study:

“Looking to Jesus . . . in France”  
Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle

Emblem:  
Lips

## SMM National Conference

You are invited to the SMM-WMC Tea, August 15, 3:30 p.m.

To all lady missionaries present at National Conference, past and present national SMM officers, patronesses and assistant patronesses, you are the "Honor Guests" at the tea. This is your special invitation to come.

## Reporting!

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.—**

The Middler SMM has been newly formed. There were nineteen at their first meeting in February. It was one of the girl's birthdays and Mrs. Dorothy Rowland baked a beautiful cake for the occasion. The March meeting began with a volleyball game in the church parking lot; then a pitch-in supper with fried chicken and a wonderful devotional meeting. April, during spring vacation, saw some of the WMC ladies cooking breakfast at Birch State Park for the girls with Mrs. Mardell Smith giving a challenging devotional. There were twenty-eight present. Later that day they went swimming in the ocean.

**SEATTLE, WASH.—**The girls sponsored a carol sing at Christmas for the BYF. They also sent cookies to one of the church members who is in the Navy. In February they held a slumber party in the home of one of the girls. To end the year they honored the mothers in a Mother's Day program and coffee hour.

**YORK, PA.—**The Junior SMM have been busy working on dental bibs and their green skirts for their local project. They were invited to the WMC Birthday Party in February, and in April the Junior, Middlers, and Seniors were honored at the Mother-Daughter Tea. Each girl was given an orchid in honor of SMM's fiftieth anniversary. They are looking forward to many more blessings.

**PARAMOUNT, CALIF. —** The Junior SMM of the Paramount Brethren Church had a Hobby Show in March. They invited their mothers and the WMC ladies. The girls dis-

played stuffed animals they had made at their meetings and various items in cooking and sewing that they had made at home. During Easter vacation, they visited in the Long Beach General Hospital and took bouquets of flowers to the elderly ladies. In May they visited the Haag's and the work in Mexico.

**SUNNYSIDE, WASH. —** The Junior SMM average eight girls in their group. Each girl embroidered a quilt block and made a baby quilt for the Navajo Mission. They have taken their test on what the church stands for and have cut out their quota of dental bibs.

The Middler girls enjoyed a day of swimming, boating, and picnicing at Eshback Park in Yakima, Washington in August. A short meeting was held in which new members were welcomed into the group. Plans were made for the coming year. As a reward for completing all their goals, Mary and Kathy Waller, Patricia Lyons, Linda Bennett, and Beverly Mattingly were taken on an overnight camping trip by their patronesses.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fogle and Beckie that their ministry will broaden into a wider area in France in order to reach more people for Jesus. Pray for more workers for France.

2. Ask God to help you not to have a "put on" personality, but that what you seem to be will be really *you* so that you might glorify Him.

3. Ask God for wisdom in guarding your lips to speak accordingly as He wills.

4. Pray for the leaders of our country by name that they will have wisdom from above and full understanding in making decisions and in ruling us.

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## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sandy Walker and David Jones, May 4, Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Carolyn Gwinup and Leroy Hoy, May 4, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

Darlene Wenger and Charles Bennett, May 11, Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Beverly Knight and Donald Burdick, May 18, Grace Brethren Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Sandra Krueger and Richard Brendlen, May 18, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Marlene Johnson and Donald Casmere, May 24, Grace Brethren Church, Anaheim, Calif.


Peggy Malles and Douglas Horney, May 25, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bonnie Botteicher and Theodore Moeller, June 1, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Karen Anne Kriegbaum and Roland Loring Fletcher, June 7, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Since the first of January there have been 14 first-time decisions, 8 rededications, 14 baptisms, and 20 persons received into the membership of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church. M. L. Myers is pastor.

**MARGATE, FLA.** A Mother-daughter Tea was sponsored by the WMC ladies of Margate Grace Brethren Church on May 17 with 80 persons in attendance. Dean Risser is pastor.

**JOHNSON CITY, TENN.** Larry Campbell, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, left for England June 4 to serve with the Campbell-Reese evangelistic team during June. He will travel with them as pianist. Charles Martin, pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The second annual Mother and Daughter Banquet of the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church was held at the North Riverdale Brethren Church in Dayton on May 9 with 40 in attendance. A fine program was presented by the ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Sherwood Durkee.

Mrs. William Gray, pastor's wife of the Covington Grace Brethren Church, brought a challenging message on "Kept for a Blessing." The next banquet will be held in the new Grace Brethren Church, which is now being built by the Brethren construction crew at 810 Larry Avenue, Vandalia, Ohio. Sherwood Durkee, pastor.

**NOTICE:** Complete information concerning the baptismal problem may be found on pages 29 and 30, 47 to 51 in the 1962 Brethren Annual.

**NOTICE:** The June 1 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* was a special prophecy issue, which is especially appropriate for giving to

those who are unsaved, in visitation programs, and so forth. Individuals and pastors are invited to write in and request additional copies, which will be furnished free of charge. This constitutes a part of the Herald's free literature program.

**POMPANO BEACH, FLA.** On April 28 a full schedule of services began at the new Grace Brethren Church with 28 in Sunday school, 32 in the morning service, and 17 in the evening service. A beautiful new store building was made available at one-fourth of its normal rent, right in



Dr. William L. Taylor

the desired area. A full-time pastor, Dr. William L. Taylor, is on the field. He was at one time pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles.

A down payment has been made on a \$25,000 piece of property, a beautiful church location. The church is a joint project of the Fort Lauderdale and the Margate churches, both of whom are furnishing some members for the new work, Ralph Colburn and Dean Risser are the respective pastors. The location is approximately 12 miles from each of them, in a rapidly growing area of Pompano Beach, a city which now has a population of over 30,000, and for which a population of over 50,000 is projected by 1968. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." And if hitherto, why not henceforth? Brethren pray for us!

**SINGER HILL, PA.** Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Byers announce the birth of a son, Craig Allen, who was born May 9 and weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Brother Byers is pastor of the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church.

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.** The Curt Emmons Crusaders concluded a week of evangelistic meetings at Grace

Brethren Church on May 5, Lyle Marvin, pastor. There were 17 first-time decisions for Christ; 28 for dedication to soul-winning; 17 new tithers; 14 new family altars established; and nine to unite with the church.

**NORWALK, CALIF.** Henry Rempel tendered his resignation as pastor of the Norwalk Brethren Church on May 1, which will become effective Sept. 30.

**CHANGES:** Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Casement, 1010 Broadview Blvd., Dayton 19, Ohio. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Orville A. Lorenz, 9908 Slaughter Lane, Austin, Texas. Rev. Mark Malles phone numbers changed to: (home) 744-2711, (church office) 744-1065. Rev. and Mrs. Earle Peer, 2231 Swatara St., Harrisburg, Pa. Chaplain John D. Brock, Mobile Support Unit Charlie, FPO, San Francisco, Calif. Navy No. 3923. Rev. and Mrs. Rolland Hein, 175 Edgewater Ave., St. Paul 12, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. Glen Crabb's new phone number is 748-1355. The church office number is 748-1355.

**HOLLINS, VA.** A revival meeting with the Light of Life Quartette resulted in eight first-time decisions and five rededications to the Lord at the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, William A. Byers, pastor.

**WASHINGTON, PA.** Edward Lewis closed a two-week revival meeting at the Grace Brethren Church here on May 5. There were seven first-time decisions and 31 rededications. Shimer Darr, pastor.

**GLENVIEW, ILL.** Dr. Robert D. Culver, a Brethren minister who is currently professor of Old Testament,

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Charles Flowers, Alto, Mich.  
Ralph Gilbert, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Thomas Hammers, Fremont, Ohio  
Homer Kent, Sr., Winona Lake, Ind.  
Edmund Leech, Hawaii  
Robert Wm. Markley, Barberton, Ohio

Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minn., held a Bible conference at the Glenview Evangelical Free Church during May 5-12.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Carl Key, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Davenport, Iowa, for four years, has accepted the call of the Mansfield Christian School here to teach sixth grade. He will be moving in August.

**BROOKVILLE, OHIO.** The Grace Brethren Church, Clair Brickel, pastor, celebrated their first anniversary on May 5 with a record attendance of 60 in Sunday school and 75 in the morning worship service. A gospel team from Grace College presented special music for the occasion.

**WHEATON, ILL.** John P. Burke, resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here in order to accept the call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio. The resignation becomes effective Aug. 4.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** A little daughter, Allison Kay, weight 6 lbs., 15 oz., was born on May 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoyt. Dr. and Mrs. Herman A. Hoyt are the paternal grandparents.

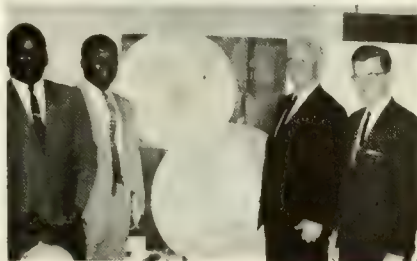
**ALTO, MICH.** Richard Sellers, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind., conducted a revival meeting at the Calvary Brethren Church during Apr. 14-21. There was one first-time decision and four rededications. Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Flowers were surprised by the congregation with TV trays and a purse of money to celebrate the pastor's 25 years of faithful service in the ministry.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** There were 32 persons in attendance at the Spring Teenage Banquet of the Grace Brethren Church on May 4. Uncle Joe Pierce, a converted gangster from Chicago, Ill., gave the message. Nine teen-agers made public decisions for Christ. Glen Crabb, pastor.

**ALBANY, OREG.** Four boys of the Grace Brethren Church, accompanied by their pastor, Nelson Hall, attended the recent overnight youth

rally at Sunnyside, Wash. The four Albany boys and two from the View Ridge Brethren Church in Seattle won the district playoff game of basketball. The winning team is called the Se-Albany basketball team.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** The Iowa district youth rally was held at the Grace Brethren Church Apr. 19-20. The Youth Evangelism Team and the film, "The Tony Fontane Story," were featured. John M. Aeby was the host pastor. On June 2, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, director of public relations of Grace Seminary and College, and the Grace Notes trio had charge of the morning worship service.



Left to right: Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, Pastor Granville Tucker, Dr. Floyd Taber, and Pastor Thomas Hammers.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** Tears of joy marked the unique meeting of Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, first native Brethren pastor from the Central African Republic to set foot on American soil, and Granville Tucker, pastor of the Fremont Brethren Chapel and only Negro Brethren pastor in the United States, as they embraced one another on the opening night of a missionary conference held at the Grace Brethren Church on May 15. Dr. Floyd Taber, medical missionary on furlough from Africa, served as interpreter for Brother Nambozouina. Thomas Hammers, pastor.

**CAMDEN, OHIO.** Rev. and Mrs. Frank Gardner announce the birth of a son, Daniel Mason. The happy event was Apr. 18. Brother Gardner is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

**WARSAW, IND.** Mr. F. B. Miller, a well-known layman in Brethren circles, father of Missionary Edward Miller, and founder-superintendent of the Barbee Brethren Illustrated Sunday School, Barbee Lakes, Ind., received special recognition on the editorial page of the

*Warsaw Times Union* on May 27. The newspaper joined the people of the Barbee Lakes area in "saluting a warm-hearted Christian gentleman." Many people in the Barbee area held a surprise Appreciation Dinner for Mr. Miller and presented him with a transistor radio on May 23 in appreciation for his faithful ministry at Barbee Lakes.

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** The First Brethren Church licensed Simon Torian to the Christian ministry May 1. Mr. Torian, a graduate of Grace Seminary, has accepted the call to become pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich. His new address is 12591 Darby Rd., Clarksville, Mich.

**DANVILLE, OHIO.** A summer evangelistic team, Allen Schlatter as speaker and David Seifert as music director, are holding meetings at the Danville Brethren Church during June 10-16. Melvin Hobson is pastor.

**CANTON, OHIO.** Rev. and Mrs. John Dilling received a surprise linen shower on Apr. 28, which honored their tenth year of pastoral service to the Grace Brethren Church here. There were 65 people in attendance.

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** Charles Thornton, pastor of the First Brethren Church was the speaker for a two-week evangelistic meeting here upon the request of the congregation. There were four first-time decisions and seven rededications during the special services, which concluded Apr. 28.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports eight first-time confessions and five rededications of life during the evangelistic meetings held at the First Brethren Church during May 5-12. Mark Malles, pastor.

**LANSING, MICH.** Mr. Mel Derby, representing the Michigan Temperance Foundation, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on May 19. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** A new all-



# CHURCH NEWS

*(Continued from preceding page)*

time high monthly average record attendance of 385 in Sunday school was established at the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Nathan Casement, pastor, during the month of April. This was a 23 percent increase over the same month of a year ago. David Hocking, National Youth director, was the guest speaker on Youth Sunday.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Evangelist Galen Lingenfelter held a successful evangelistic meeting at the Calvary Brethren Church during Apr. 17-24. On Easter Sunday there was a record attendance of 406 in Sunday school. Jack Peters is pastor.

LANSING, MICH. John Aeby, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, conducted revival meetings at the Grace Brethren Church, J. Ward Tressler, pastor, during April 24-May 3. There were three decisions for rededication.

HARRISBURG, PA. Earle Peer has accepted the call to become pastor of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church. He will assume his new duties July 1.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. The spring youth rally for the Michigan District was held at the Grace Brethren Church on May 3 and 4. Chet Kammerer, Grace College basketball star, gave his testimony and presented the challenge of Venture for Victory ministry this summer. Dr. Orville Jobson and Simon-Pierre Nambozouina were guest speakers on May 5. This youth rally with 125 persons registered was the best attended in years.

MARTINSBURG, PA. Dr. Harold Etling, National Sunday School director, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on May 25 and 26. John Terrell is pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Robert D. Crees, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was pleasantly surprised by a church sponsored birthday party on May 12. About 100 persons were in attendance. The pastor received a very generous monetary gift.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. Annual graduation exercises for kindergarten children attending Grace Brethren School were held on May 23 and 24. There were 154 graduates honored this year. Approximately 600 parents and friends attended. Russell Konves, pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. William E. Howard has accepted a call to pastor the Clayton Brethren Church. He plans to assume his new duties the last of June.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Mayes, pastor and wife of the First Brethren Church, were given a new car by the church on

Apr. 28. A new 1963 Dodge Polara, gleaming white with pale aqua interior, stood wrapped in cellophane and tied with a huge red ribbon with a large bow outside the church. Nearly a thousand persons observed as Dr. and Mrs. Mayes unwrapped the car. The purchase was made out of voluntary gifts rather than with church funds.

STOYSTOWN, PA. The Reading Brethren Church extended a unanimous call to their pastor, Leonard S. Bennett, to serve for another year. The congregation plans to erect a new church building on Pennsylvania Route No. 53. It will be situated about one mile from Stoystown and about nine miles from the city of Somerset, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Robert Kern, pastor of the Third Brethren Church, received a master's degree in the field of Christian Education from Wheaton College on June 6.



Sketch of the proposed Mansfield Christian School.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Mansfield Christian School is soon to have a new quarter million dollar home.

The interdenominational private school, which has had temporary quarters in Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor, since it began two years ago, will have permanent quarters on a 24-acre campus at 500 Logan Rd.

Construction of the brick-faced structure of contemporary design is scheduled to be started soon. It will include eight regular classrooms, a large kindergarten room, a combination gymnasium and auditorium with stage, showers, and locker rooms for boys and girls, administrative offices, a library, and faculty lounge.

Plans are being made for adding a seventh grade class in 1964 and an eighth grade in 1965. Long range plans call for additional buildings to accommodate high school pupils and to make the school an academy with residence accommodations.

# *I Have My Own Ideas About Religion*

So have I, but whose ideas about religion really matter?

Many people say theirs is the one, true religion. Others say it does not matter as long as we are sincere. Who is right?

Knowing the truth about religion is all-important because it goes beyond this life and reaches into eternity. What is the truth about these things, and how can I know it?

Here's a simple fact: because religion has to do with our relation to God, and how to satisfy Him, then what He wants of us is what really matters. What does He expect? What are His demands, if any? This would settle it, no matter what our ideas are.

We need not guess what God expects of us, for He has told us exactly how to be right with Him. It is written down in the Bible for us to read:

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on

the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And *this is the record*, that God hath



By Rev. Dean Risser

given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:9-12).

Here you have God's ideas about religion; they tell God's plan of saving men and giving them eternal life.

My ideas may sound good, but let's face it: if they are not the same as God's ideas, they are worthless. I just won't make it. If God has gone to the trouble of sending His Son into the world to suffer, die, and rise again from the dead, then why should He accept some scheme I have invented?

Salvation from sin and receiving eternal life is not given us because of what we do, but because of what Christ did for us, according to God's Word. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." If you and I are willing to receive Christ as Saviour and Lord, take our place as a helpless sinner, God will give us eternal life as a free gift. This is His way.

Claim this promise that Christ made to us: "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [judgment]; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). I have already received Christ by asking Him to come into my heart and life to live. He can be yours too!

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(Additional listings will appear June 29)



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Youth Director

# Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## SUMMER MISSIONARIES

Seven young people from various college campuses will be traveling to home-mission points this summer to do summer missionary service. To Cuba, New Mexico, three Grace College students—Lois Wilson, Charles Yager, and Tom Barstad—will be going for the summer. To Taos, New Mexico, we are sending two girls, one from John Brown University—Katherine Kerr Little—and the other from Yakima Junior College in Washington—Linda Holmes. Clayhole, Kentucky will be sharing the summer with two students, one from Martinsburg, West Virginia—Joyce Ann Jordon—and the other from Miami Bible College—Steve Ridge.

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great, and your prayers for them will be greatly appreciated. Pray for a real spiritual impact for both the students and the missions. Pray that souls may be won to Christ through their ministry at the missions in teaching and Vacation Bible School work.

Opportunities, such as these, are invaluable to the college students of The Brethren Church. There are missionaries on the fields of the world today who spent a summer as a summer missionary to these home-mission points. These are days when we need to encourage our young people to invest their lives for the Lord now, even while they are in preparation in school for the task to which God has called them.

## ARE YOU LOSING YOUR TEEN-AGERS?

The NSSA Youth Commission national survey revealed that the average age of young people who quit going to church is sixteen. Exactly 50 percent of 331 teen-agers who were contacted were between the ages of fifteen and seventeen at dropout time. 26 percent were between eleven and fourteen, and 24 percent were eleven and over.

When did these young people start attending church? Surely if these teen-agers were in church all their lives, they would not have dropped out. The survey revealed that half of the dropouts began church before they were six years old! And eighty-seven of the 331 teens attended church before they were two years old. Just because our young people have grown up in our church is no guarantee that they will continue to come to church.

Some might ask about the kind of families from which these young people come. The typical dropout comes from homes where the father is not a Christian and the mother is. Only 42.2 percent have Christian fathers, but 67.3 percent have Christian mothers, who are regular in church attendance. Over 22 percent of the dropouts come from homes where neither the father nor the mother is saved. A boy in Minnesota, who attended a small rural church, said: "I just quit going. It was easy to stay at home because my parents did not attend." Perhaps we can take this a step further. If parents do not feel their responsibility to attend all the services of the church (including prayer meeting) how can we expect our young people to attend!

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# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Where Are the Pastors?

There are thirteen Brethren churches without pastors! Sometimes there are as many as twenty Brethren churches without pastors. *Why?* Where are the pastors? Are they available? If so, why don't the churches call them?

A local church will not grow normally without proper pastoral leadership. Each time a Brethren church is without a pastor for a protracted period the church severely suffers.

And, what about developing new churches? Where will we find pastors to establish new testimonies for Christ? We know that it is impossible to start new churches without pastoral leadership.

Graduating from our seminary in Winona Lake this year are three men who are available for the Brethren pastorate. Two of these are not sure that the Lord is leading them into this field.

Pastors grow old and go home to be with the Lord. Some already in the pastorate go into other pursuits, such as teaching, evangelism, or other forms of Christian service. Some become discouraged and leave the ministry. At this time we are barely providing enough pastors to fill these vacancies.

One of the problems is found in the way some churches *handle* pastors. We believe that congregational church government is Biblical. The authority of the church is vested in the local congregation. But, too often congregational government is not Spirit-led church government.

Practically at all times there are some Brethren pastors available to fill pulpit vacancies. However, the fact that they are *readily* available, or the fact that they make an effort to impart this information seems to build a wall of suspicion and doubt around them. Circumstances may bring a highly successful pastor to the place where

he is without pastoral responsibility through no fault of his own.

"Amazing" is the word which describes the attitude of some churches toward pastors. A man said to us some time ago that his church felt that five years was long enough for any pastor to be in a field. No matter how able the man, at the end of a five-year tenure the campaign to move the pastor begins. So, each five years the church has a fight. Actually a pastor is just beginning to do good work in five years. Some churches must always have a "young" man, or an "older" man. No two churches have ever agreed on these age limits. Some must have an experienced man. (How will a young man get experience?) Some do not like the preacher's voice, or his wife, or his personality, and so on and on.

While we know that God has the right man for the right place at the right time, and He may keep him there as long as He desires, too often pastors are made pawns in the hands of local churches. Four or five men may be asked to candidate and then are literally pitted against each other in the vote. To say the least, this has the appearance of a *fleshly* and not a *spiritual* approach to the problem. It is difficult to see how some churches can really know the will of God in this matter, and perhaps this is the reason they have perennial problems with their pastors. It is no more proper or right for a pastoral candidate to make pawns of churches and pit one against the other when he may have two or three contacts.

Again, some congregations do not give their pastors the place of dignity, respect, and leadership in the local church the Bible indicates they should have. On the other hand, some pastors deport themselves in a manner which does not encourage the respect of the church.

All of this complicates the pastoral supply problem, and often it has a profound effect on young men who may be thinking about entering the ministry. The Lord can overcome this by the teaching of the Word and obedience to it, but, the basic problem lies further along.

Why don't more young men in our local churches give themselves to the ministry? Why don't more young men in our Christian colleges go on to seminary? We know from experience in talking to hundreds of young men that there is a tendency to dodge the responsibilities of the pastorate in favor of almost any other type of Christian service. Why?

Perhaps we have forgotten some very important spirit-

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## COVER PHOTO

Learning to read! A great need of the Navajos, even the adults, and even greater now that God's Word has been translated into their language.

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# Bewitched, Bothered, and Bewildered

By Mrs. James McClellan

"Bewitched, bothered, and bewildered . . ." As the throaty contralto droned the melancholy words, I hurried to turn off the radio. (How quickly those programs change.) And then those three words grasped my attention. What an apt description of the forces of Satan in Navajo lives.

*Bewitched* by fear and superstition. I thought of the haunted faces at a recent funeral. They had hired a medicine man to conduct a "sing" to cure the old woman. She had been administered medicine consisting of ashes and plant extracts. All night the dancing and chanting and drinking had gone on to drive the evil spirits from her. Now it was morning. They had brought the old woman to us that we might take her to the mission hospital. But it was too late. She was dead. We made a simple box in which to bury her. Amid much crying and groaning, the people began to throw in all kinds of things for the woman to use in the next life: yards and yards of beautiful new material, velvet, cotton and satin, which were first cut and slashed to release the evil spirits; her comb and hairbrush after being broken in many pieces; her suitcase of clothing and personal effects after being smashed with a two-inch pipe.

This woman had been a rich woman by Navajo standards. But the medicine man had demanded all her sheep in payment for his services. And her other belongings were being destroyed in order to provide for her in the next life. This death, someone told us, had probably been caused by a Navajo wolf, an unknown dreaded person endowed with supernatural powers of death and revenge. These powers are supposed to be received by sitting all night upon a new grave and inviting the evil spirits to possess one. The person then goes about at night clothed in a wolf skin and striking terror to all who know and see him, as well as causing sickness or death to his enemies. Most of these stories are the result of superstition, fear, and im-



agination. How much is true demon possession, no one knows.

*Bothered* by sin and Satan in their lives. We had no idea of the rawness of sin until we came to Navajoland. Liquor is an unspeakable curse driving men to quarrel and sometimes kill. I thought of the young man who had come to the mission early one morning. "I killed a man," he confessed, calm in his drunkenness. He was a nice looking young man, barely more than a boy, and he did not seem to have much conscience for what he had done. This young man was jailed for a month or two. That is all. Navajo life is cheap.

I thought, too, of the rather nice woman who had come to our door one day. "What is my name?" she asked through an interpreter. It seems that she had lived with a number of men and didn't know which name to use to fill out her application for welfare support. This is not an unusual situation. In our area of Navajoland, legal marriages are rare. When a man tires of a woman, he just leaves. When a woman tires of a man, she puts his saddle outside the hogan door. This is the common way of marriage and divorce. It may be shocking to us, but very matter-of-fact to them.

*Bewildered* by many different religions. The Navajo religion itself is bewildering. There is no written book of their religion. Each medicine man is a self-styled teacher interpreting the oral traditions in the way that will bring the greatest gain to himself.

Then missionaries come with *God Bizaad*, the New Testament in Navajo, which is the message of the true God of all peoples, including the *dine* or "the people" as they auspiciously call themselves. Their tendency is to accept it with reservations. That is, they will say they believe the Bible, even be willing to study it, but at the same time, hold on to the old traditions and superstitions.

Then come along the cultists with



a final stroke of confusion. The Mormons in particular are working in our area. They locate an interested family, one who has attended services at our Mission, learned to read the Bible and professed faith in Christ. Then they arrive in a great show of friendship and try to subtly substitute their false teachings. No wonder our Navajo friends are bewildered.

But someone says "I had no idea that the work among the Navajos was so hopeless. Maybe we had better just give it up." Yes; in the grimmer moments your missionaries have had this thought, too. But we do not believe that it is from the Lord. He has told us "Go ye . . . to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Certainly this includes the heathen in America, bewitched, bothered, and bewildered though they are.

All missionaries say: "We need your prayers." Does this become tiresome to you? And do your prayers for the missionaries become a trite "God bless the missionaries?" To do God's business against such terrific Satanic opposition, we need, indeed we *must* have earnest inter-



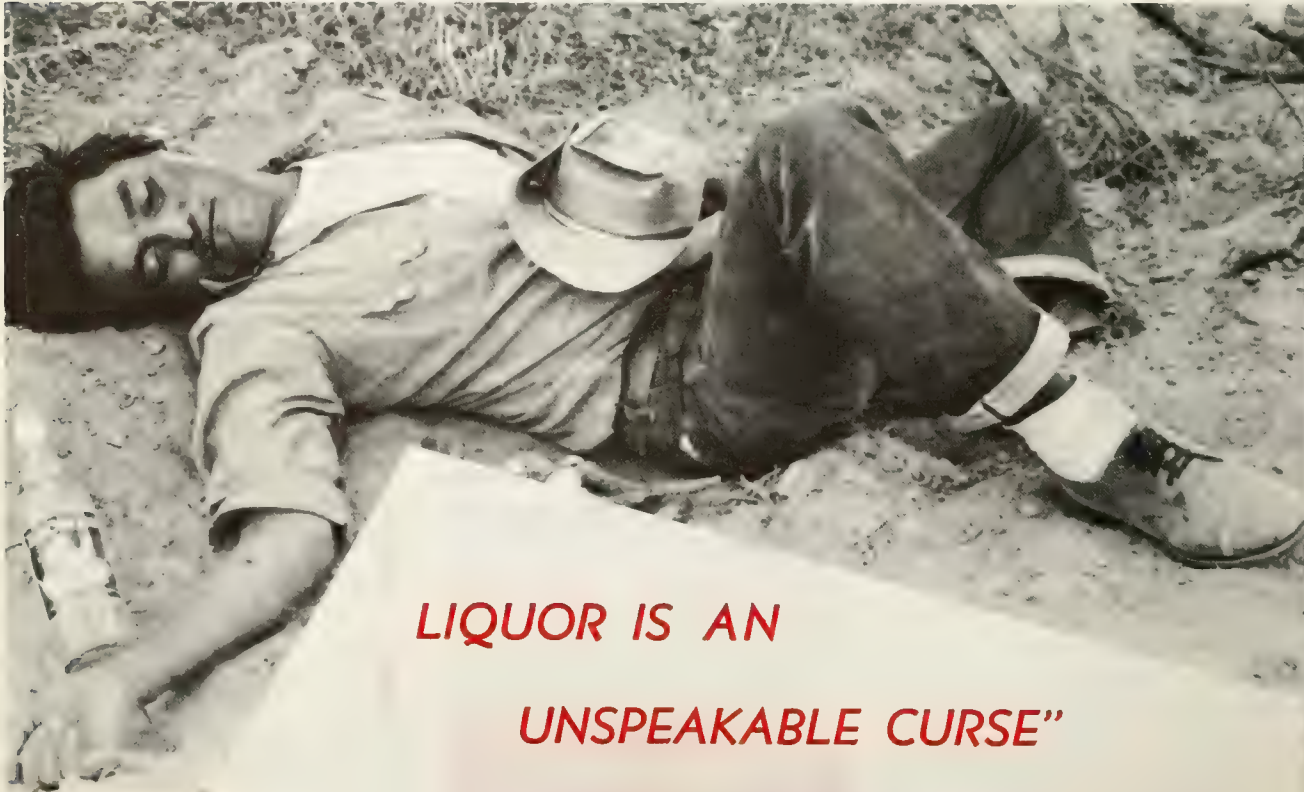
### **A "Killed" Truck**

Because someone was killed in this vehicle the vehicle in turn was "Killed" by setting fire to it. The purpose is to destroy the evil spirits—a part of the Navajo superstition.

cessory prayer; prayer for the adults with whom we are working, for many adults make decisions, but few are able to follow through in victorious Christian living; and prayer for our school where boys and girls who

are still malleable may be taught a Christian way of life.

If the Lord burdens you to be a prayer partner with us, please write to the Mission or the home-mission office for a list of prayer requests. ▼





# A Profitable Trade

By Dr. L. L. Grubb

How would you like to buy a car like the Brethren Home Missions Council bought this bus? You write the check to the seller, and he writes you a check for the same amount? Good business? Yes, indeed!

The Brethren Navajo Mission just entered into this kind of a profitable transaction with the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor. The Mack school bus pictured here was sold to us for \$500. The church promptly raised the same amount in voluntary contributions and gave it to the Mission. We are heartily in favor of such transactions!

In addition to this about sixty boxes of baby food, canned fruit, and vegetables, clothing, and all sorts of practical items for use in the Navajo Mission work were given by several Southern California churches and packed into the bus. Two Brethren men assumed responsibility for driving the bus to Navajoland.

Why do we want a forty-eight-passenger school bus at the Navajo Mission? Our missionary superintendent, Rev. James McClellan, and our staff believe that this bus can be used to reach many more Navajos for Christ. By driving from our Mission to selected spots where there are small settlements of hogans, Navajos may be gathered together in groups and the bus will be our chapel.

Very ingeniously, Rev. John Mayes, Ray Casteel, and Sam Amato have mounted a 110 volt light plant on the rear of the bus to operate both movie and slide projectors which will help to make the message of God's love clearer to the Navajos.

This is a rather new venture, but should have extensive possibilities in evangelizing many more of the descendants of our first Americans, many of whom know nothing about God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Brethren Home Missions

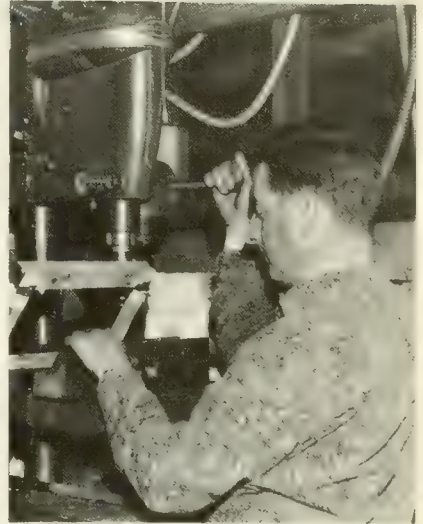


Council is thankful to God and to the First Brethren Church and to all who had any part in this venture for Christ.

How about you? Are you using your Navajo calendar envelopes monthly or supporting this important Navajo work through another method? *Last year not enough funds came in to fully support this work, and yet the challenge is increasing each year.*

Gifts may be sent through your local church to the Navajo Mission or direct to the Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana, and will be credited to your local church. You may use such gifts as income tax deductions.

You may also help to provide films which are especially effective in Navajo Missions, such as the Moody films, "God of Creation," "Time and Eternity," and the entire series of "Mr. Fixit" slides. ▼



## LEGEND

Top down: The gift bus, Rev. John Mayes making light plant brackets for the bus; Rev. John Mayes, and Mr. Ray Casteel installing the light plant on the bus; and Mr. Harvey Wallser puzzled about how to get all the packages in the bus.





# Berrien Springs Tastes Victory

By Pastor Charles Lawson

On Easter Sunday we fell short of our one hundred goal by fifteen, but we claimed it a great victory in our Sunday school. Just a little less than two years ago when we arrived at Berrien Springs for our first Sunday we had twenty in Sunday school and of this number a family of nine was leaving the work the following week.

The week before Easter we had a Bible conference with Rev. Lester E. Pifer of The Brethren Home Missions Council. During this time we were able to make some good contacts in the interest of our church, as well as secure the names of some good prospects. Thus we are going into the summer months with confidence that we are going to taste more victories in our entire church program.

We answered the call to Berrien Springs, on the basis of two promises. One from Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not," and the other from The Brethren Home Missions Council to help support the work. I remember that I earnestly prayed: "Lord send some people from

somewhere to take up the slack here." What a simple prayer, but how marvelously God answered as days passed into weeks and weeks into months. We saw the Lord send different individuals at different times to fill different positions on our Sunday school staff.

Berrien Springs is by no means a metropolitan area, for it boasts a population of only 2,000. The Grace Brethren Church is one of nine churches serving the immediate area. New industries are coming into the town and we expect to see an increase in population and an increase in the need for the Grace Brethren testimony here.

The WMC was reorganized last fall and has become very active. The SMM has been a real inspiration to the girls of the church and just recently sponsored an entire Sunday evening program.

The accompanying pictures will give you an idea of the attendances, Sunday-school classes and departments, staff, and so forth. Even though we did not reach the one hundred goal at Easter, it is still our goal and if not sooner we expect to shatter the record by Rally Day. ▼

## LEGEND

Top down left: Adult class, Charles Lawson teacher; young people, Robert Gaharis teacher; junior high girls, Miss Carolyn Crawford; junior girls, Mrs. Frank Crawford; junior girls No. 2; Mrs. Illene Merrill, primary; Mrs. Ed Wright, beginners; Mrs. Charles Sellers; and junior-junior high boys, Roy Kaye. Below: The Grace Brethren Church, and to the right, Pastor Charles Lawson.







# ISRAEL CALLS!



## Answers to Your Prayers

By Bruce L. Button

Recently, I had occasion to contact the various ministerium secretaries across the country and request them to have the pastors present an urgent prayer need to their people for the physical welfare of a little Jewish boy named Garry Kite. He had undergone surgery for the removal of a brain tumor and had never regained consciousness. Not long ago I received an answer to a letter I had sent to Brother John Neely at Allentown, Pennsylvania. On it he had noted:

"Bruce, we had prayer for little Garry Kite. How is he?" I really appreciate Brother Neely's notation and concern. It has caused me to stop and consider this matter of requesting prayer for individuals and situations in behalf of our people. I do not believe I have ever told you of the result of your prayer effort. This is not as it should be. Therefore, from time to time there will be a report in this column of the effect of your prayers here.

First, in the matter of Garry Kite, there has been some improvement in his condition. To appreciate it one must understand that this lad lay for weeks in a coma unable to see or communicate in any way. This is the condition in which he was brought home from the hospital. Mother and Grandmother have cared for this lad, and it has been a heartbreaking time. Recently there has been a change in his condition. His eyes open now and he notices things. He responds to the entrance of people into his room and is also interested in television. He seems to accept food in a better manner. But he still is unable to speak or communicate in any way, and with the exception of moving his head and his hands he is motionless. Though Garry's improvement is slight, it has made an impression on Sarah P—

and the parents of the child. Continue to pray for Garry. The Lord has answered prayer, and we feel He will continue to do so.

We also asked you to pray for a Mrs. Bender. Miss Fraser has been dealing with her for a number of years. She was able to interest her in attending one of the women's meetings we hold here in the mission (we call it the "Monday Girls"). We ask that you pray for the salvation of Mrs. Bender, and that she might attend the Bible Class and come under the systematic teaching of God's Word. The Lord has seen fit to bring her into our Wednesday evening Bible Class. Here she has been a real blessing, for she is well read in the Old and New Testaments. She is also very tender toward the Lord Jesus. From some of the statements she makes, and the stands she makes relative to New Testament truth, one wonders at times if she is not secretly committed to the Lord. Continue to pray for Mrs. Bender, also pray for the physical needs of both she and her husband.

Another person we have asked prayer for is Mary Ratner. Mrs. Ratner has confessed the Lord but has never submitted to baptism. We asked that you pray she be convicted about this. Recently she approached me about the matter of baptism, and now seems ready for and sincere in requesting baptism. We will arrange for this service for her.

Mrs. Edyth Goodman, one of our Jewish blind, is another for whom you have prayed. She has made a confession of the Lord and is now considering her next step in the faith. She needs the assurance which only the Lord can give. She attends the meetings and listens intently to the message. Always she has questions when she rides home in the Greenbrier. We are sure the Lord

will continue to lead her in answer to your prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bearfield have been on your prayer list for several years. Sam is blind, his wife is not. His wife is the support of the family and is seldom able to attend any of the meetings at the mission. However, she is always ready to listen to testimony concerning the Lord. Sam never misses the Bible Class, and he listens carefully to all that is said. He, too, has questions and is much interested. We are certain the Lord is dealing with both these people in answer to your prayers. Continue to remember them.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg are recent additions to your prayer list. They have just started to attend our Wednesday evening Bible Class. They were brought there by Mrs. Cooper, one of our regular members. Both Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg have told us they do not believe what we do, but that they respect what we believe. They have asked us to do the same with them. They do not plan to come regularly, but have assured us they will come from time to time. What they do not know is that the Lord is dealing with them in answer to your prayers, and we are sure they will attend regularly because of this. Mr. Greenberg has accepted literature and is reading it. We are contacting him twice a month. Continue to pray for these two. The Lord can do great things with them.

Several of our people have been under the false teachings of Christian Science and Science of Mind. We have asked that you pray for them that they might be delivered from such erroneous teaching. There is still much need of prayer for these people. Deep inroads have been made on their mind and heart. Only God's grace can deliver them. Pray they will continue to attend the Bible Class, and that we might speak clearly in the Lord.

These are some of the results of your prayers. It has been a great encouragement to us that you have been so interested. May God bless each and every one of you for this interest. As answers continue to come we will make you aware of them. ▼



# Home Mission Field Reports

**VANDALIA, OHIO** (Don Sellers, Brethren Construction Company supt). When I returned from Winona Lake, I learned that Larry "Butch" Sturgill was injured while attending a picnic on Sunday (May 26, 1963). Larry with some other boys was playing under a tree when a large limb fell to the ground. The sharp end caught Larry's leg and completely removed a section of the flesh on the back of leg below the knee. He was taken to the hospital for emergency treatment and released. He will be required to use crutches for awhile and later will need skin grafting. Larry is the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sturgill, and whose father is a member of the Brethren construction crew.

**CUBA, N. MEX.** (James S. McClellan, supt.). Miss LaDonna Smith has just left the teaching staff of the Brethren Navajo Mission Boarding



Miss LaDonna Smith

School after two years here. She will be teaching in the Winona Lake area following her marriage to William Malles during this month of brides. Mrs. LaDonna (Smith) Malles is a graduate of Grace College and her husband will enter Grace this fall. William Malles is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Mark Malles, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**LANCASTER, PA.** (William Tweeddale, pastor). We had 178 in

church last Sunday evening (June 2), and 146 in the Sunday school. Our quiz team won the Northern Atlantic district playoff. We are now only \$3,000 from our goal of paying for the property before ground breaking about September 1.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** (Sam I. Horney, supt.). "The Wallace Construction Company is here blacktopping the parking area for a supermarket,



Blacktop truck

and we can get a special price while they are in town" said Brother Sam on the other end of the telephone. "Shall I get them to black top the area around the youth building that has been taken by the National Youth Council as a project"? There is no one in Taos that does this type of work. There are not enough project funds in to pay for it now, but it will cost more to wait. The decision was made to *pave now and pay later*. So Taos is *out of the mud*, but the BYC is *in debt*. How about making an all-out effort young people to meet this BYC goal?

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** (Bruce L. Button, missionary). We are planning to leave here on June 21 with our first stop at Cheyenne, Wyoming. Our itineration will take us through the eastern and southeastern churches. We will be stopping in Winona Lake for National Conference and completing our schedule on returning to Los Angeles, California. Pray for us.

**GEISTOWN, PA.** (Randall Poyner, pastor). On July 14, the Lord willing, we are planning for the second anniversary of the work here in the new building. It will be \$1,000 Sunday for the church with this as a goal for our building fund. The day will include special speakers, a special district service, dedication of babies, and a baptismal service. Last Sunday we had ninety-eight in Sunday school and the Lord gave us another couple for salvation.

**TROTWOOD, OHIO** (Larry Gegner, pastor). We are grateful to the Lord for the fifteen children and adults baptized by trine immersion and received into the Grace Brethren Church here on Sunday, April 28.

**WESTMINSTER, CALIF.** (Robert Thompson, pastor). The church is progressing very nicely here, and we expect to dedicate it sometime in July. The Lord has been good in supplying so many things in helping to keep the building cost down. A lot of work has gone into the building by the men and friends of the church. We are grateful for the work-day response.



Grace Brethren Church, Westminster, California



## BY ACTION OF THE BOARD

The board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, which met in session recently, voted to appeal to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for GIFTS and INVESTMENTS needed to furnish the new dormitory.

Members of the board are pictured above left to right, seated: Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Rev. Lester Pifer, treasurer of board, Rev. Paul Dick, president, and Rev. Kenneth Ashman, vice president. Standing left to right: O. E. Hacker, Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., Harold Bolesky, Richard Holmes, Rev. Earle Peer, Rev. Tom Inman, Rev. William Schaffer, Rev. Sam Horney, Rev. Lowell Hoyt, Rev. William Steffler, Rev. James Dixon, Dr. Charles Ashman, Cleve Miller, and Carl Seitz.

## Amount Needed to Furnish the Dormitory

Room furniture .....	\$80,000
Kitchen equipment .....	30,000
Floor covering .....	19,400
House mother's apt .....	2,600
Dining room supplies .....	10,000
Total needed .....	<u>\$142,000</u>

# WE DARE NOT DELAY



# THE PASTOR AND THE PREVENTION OF MENTAL DISORDERS

By James L. Custer

1963 Graduate, Grace Theological Seminary

## *The Pastor Personally*

The Greek philosophers used to counsel their disciples to: Know thyself." But the pastor who would assist his people in their pursuit of the best things of life and godliness, Paul gives a bit of quite different advice. He told young Timothy, "Meditate on these things, *give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.*" In effect, the aged Apostle was telling Timothy that the key to any successful pastorate is the pastor himself. He demonstrated the effectiveness of this advice in his own ministry. He told his congregation that "These things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil. 4:9). The key to the ministry of Paul was the *minister*—Paul. The key to our ministry is the man whom God can make of the minister.

The philosophy, "Do as I say, not as I do," has caused a generation of chaos. If we would be of maximum help to those whom God has committed into our charge, we must return to the Pauline concept of leading out in our lives, and then challenging our people to follow. We follow Christ; they follow us—there is no other way.

The pastor personally can have a tremendous ministry in this business of preventing mental problems not only among his own people, but in the whole community. There is one undergirding rule, however, to which he must tenaciously adhere—he must set the pace for the people. He must reflect in his own habits those activities that will enhance the lives of all who will dare to follow him. This includes everything from personal devotional habits, family dispositions, discipline, and the incorporation into his schedule of a well-rounded diet of physical, mental, emotional, and above all, spiritual activities.

If he would have a rich ministry, he cannot live above people. He must live *among* them. His sermons will reach only a drowsy dozen, but his life will convince the community. In his own life he must guard against these factors which, if abused, will lead to mental problems. He must



set the example for his people. All helping of others must begin here. From the spring of the well-ordered living habits of the minister of God, all these other attributes flow out to "water" his people and to lead those thirsty wanderers to the same Divine Supply from which he draws.

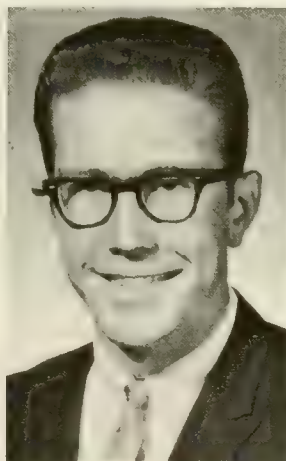
The minister must stay in his field. We have been called of God to be His personal ambassadors. We carry His message of love to a dying world. Dare anyone of us degrade this high calling into a counseling service, or a second-rate psychomedical occupation! We have human limitation and mental inadequacies. We are not trained to deal with the terms and factors of the medical or psychological world. Leave them to those who think they understand them.

In the ministry of the *prevention* of mental disorders, the minister is never to be a professional helper. We are called to assist and befriend the needy and helpless. The moment the minister becomes a "pro" he begins to *treat* the disease instead of *preventing* the same, and he may draw attention to himself and his methods instead of to the One whom he is to represent. For the minister to join men to that One who can release them from their repressed emotions and stresses is his job. God will do the rest. This can best be done out of an informal, though respected, friendship. Avoid being a "cool, professional" counselor. Jesus mingled freely with the multitudes. He was the friend of publicans and sinners.

The minister must love individuals. In today's multi-complex age, we tend to lose the individual in the crowd. We minister to the masses. The hungry-hearted individual in the crowd goes home with the same loneliness which he carried when he came. Our Lord dealt with individuals. To follow His pattern, the minister must meet men on a personal, face-to-face basis.

This is the crucial test of the minister. Away with all professionalism here; the individual will soon see through your pious veneer. Do not think to hide behind your creeds and personality here. Your spiritual barrenness may not be seen by the congregation who watch you from the pew, but in the personal encounter,

you either have God's Word or you do not. Here you stand face-to-face with your weakness. Nothing will expose your "feet of clay" as readily as an encounter with the forces of nature and of evil that are revealed in the personal problems of one who sits before you. You will not have to tell him that you have no word from God for the relief of his distress. He will read that message in your worried look and your anxious shuffling for a passage of Scripture. The sham of pseudo-interest will rapidly dissolve and expose the naked selfishness of your prayerless, careless heart. No need to apologize for your spiritual dullness. It is too late. The encounter is on and you have come unprepared and unarmed. The one



**James Custer**

*Pastor-elect,  
First Brethren Church  
Dallas Center, Iowa*

who sits before you with a heavy heart is anxious to hear a word from God to meet his need. And he needs to hear it now!

The minister must know his people. The many-sided pyramids of interwoven social and personal relationships in our urban-centered world force people into a complex system of unrelated (and often conflicting) responsibilities. The more the minister knows about these areas where mental pressures might arise, the quicker he can assist the potentially disturbed person to avoid unforeseen problems. However, this type of knowledge about your people is not gained in the formal "how-do-you-do" handshaking conversation at the exit of the Sunday morning service.

To know people, we must go where they are and sit where they sit. This will take time and lots of it! But, can we afford not to take time to do it? The benefits reaped from your friendly visits in the homes are legion. No other way can the minister learn the real problems of his people. No other way can he learn of his people. No other way can the people learn of the human heartthrobs of their revered, "think-no-evil" pastor. No other contact will afford such rich contacts to teach "practical" Christian conduct to your people and to learn from them that priceless legacy of illustrations which will broaden your own world and give warm-imagery to your messages.

The pastor must be honest. The hardest task given to the responsibility of human intellect is that of facing up to one's own weakness and worthlessness. The minister must be honest with himself. From this studious discipline of self, the minister will learn great compassion and tenderness for the needs and failings of his people. They will sense this compassion in a thousand unseen ways. Their response will be gradual, but rewarding.

As they come to one whom they know cares and also understands, guard scrupulously those confidences which they commit into your sacred trust. Your honesty in these matters will be most sorely tested when you are away from the manse, mingling among other ministers. As their tales of woe dwarf your meager efforts in the struggle against the king of darkness, do not divulge these sacred trusts to support your self-asserting story of hardships and victories. The heart is deceitful. It contrives with the tongue to betray the mind. Only the Spirit of God can detect the treason and warn of impending disaster. Be honest always. Many among whom you walk will long to unburden a weary heart if once they are convinced of your faithful integrity.

The minister must pray for his people. Much laziness is passed by today under the heading of "Organizational Preparation." The pastor is hard pressed to fill all the demands upon his attention. The first area which suffers is his own spiritual life;



the second is his priestly intercession on behalf of his people. We must remember that we are called to a spiritual ministry, to combat spiritual forces, and to claim the power that is spiritual. To build work in spiritual realms upon the broken reeds of fleshly energy, or to substitute carnal business for spiritual intercession is to hopelessly engage the enemy on *his own* territory, and to fight him on *his own* terms. Enough of this folly! He who wrestles against us and contrives the discomfort of our people is the master of all devices. How foolish to lay aside the guaranteed armor of light, and go out to meet the enemy with the broken jawbone of an ass! Prayer, the faithful, diligent, intelligent, earnest petitioning of God the Father for the needs and problems of His people, is the noblest task of any minister. From beneath the closed door of the prayer closet flow the streams of power and purity for the refreshing and cleansing of the sons of God.

### ***The Pastor's Preaching***

The minister who would guard his

people from mental disorders must preach with purpose and clarity. The only "sure cure" for the distressed mind is the rest of God in Christ Jesus. Substitute no manmade suggestions for the "Thus saith the Lord." Will a man rob his beloved people of the treasures reserved for their needs by their God? The minister who fails to declare the Word of God and to give a "word in season" to seeking souls must plead guilty.

Preach on the basics of life—sin, death, and salvation. Be done with sermonizing on social evils. Give the picture of man as God sees him. Paint the terrors of sin and hell in livid hues. Give your passionate ardor to the proclamation of the oracles of a thrice Holy God. Preach until those who sit before you can smell the brimstone of sin's destructive passions, burning within their own breasts.

Call sin by its right name. Mince no words to avoid a delicate conscience. The man of today is insensitive to brutality and vice. Sex and sensationalism are an accepted part of his confused world. He longs

to know the absolutes. His whole moral constitution gropes for a word of concrete authority. Caught in a maze of "twilight-darkness," he longs for a ray of light to lead him into the realms of light and truth.

Preach the love of God. No dawn is so lovely as that which follows a night of pitch-black darkness and nightmared sleeplessness. When men have seen the awfulness of sin and its sure condemnation, they will appreciate more fully the light of the love of God. Feeling their own helplessness, they will be moved to new repentance by the blessed story of God's sufficiency for the sinner's needs. Men are moral creatures. They have moral problems and needs. Only the Word of God can search out these needs and give an adequate solution to them. Left undiscovered these same needs will hatch out into more problems and form serious obstructions in their minds.

Above all else, preach to meet needs. Cast aside all that smacks of professionalism! Preach God's love to the repentant, His wrath to the rebellious, His compassion to the helpless and His challenge to the



listless. Preach to meet your own needs from the Word. Treat it no longer as a recipe book for spiritual delicacies and cultural niceties. It is the living message of the living God for a dying people.

### **The Pastor's Program**

The program of the church should make adequate plans to maintain the highest conditions of sanitation in those areas where the health of its people is directly involved. Such matters as clean restrooms, a means of properly disposing of waste products after a meal, facilities for thoroughly cleaning the dishes and silverware, and other very practical areas must be cared for. Some mental problems arise from infectious germs which may be innocently passed via these neglected areas. An up-to-date church program, which operates through love, must prevent the possibility of such a contamination to any of its constituency.

The program should provide for the constructive employment of every talent that is available in the King's business. Plan to incorporate every willing and available hand in the program. Train it, fill it, and then put it to work.

The program must not deprive the family from a time to enjoy and to cultivate the life of its most important physical possession—*itself*. Wrong childhood impressions and attitudes lead to mental disorders. A sound Christian home which is geared by much time spent together in constructive activities, grounded upon the Word of God, and guarded securely by the encompassing wall of love and understanding, will develop the strength of character and soundness of mind to repel these attacks of mental, social, and demonic pressures which often develop into mental disorders.

God created the home before the church. He places a high premium upon it as evidenced by the lofty place He has given to it in His well ordered plan for mankind. Let the church beware lest she be found fighting against God! Give attention to the development of sound, Christian homes, and allow time in the church program for them to promote their own interest at home. ▼

# SEMINARY SENIOR TO BRAZIL

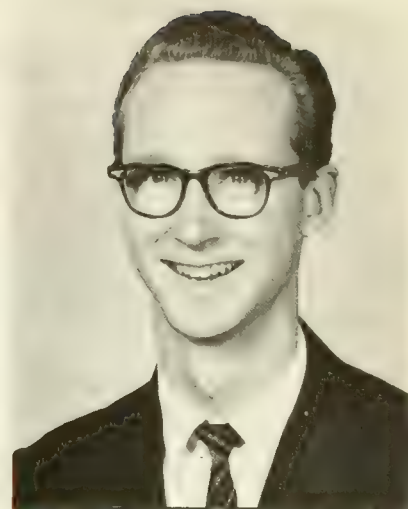
By Ralph Schwartz

It is a great joy to be able to tell what God has done for me at Grace Seminary.

Because I have already completed four years of college and two years of graduate studies, I had no desire for further training. In fact, I rebelled against the idea of more schooling. The struggle ended when I submitted to God's will and agreed to come to Grace at the request of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

The training I have received here has proven to be every bit as valuable as the labor invested. The Lord knew, although He had not convinced me, that there was a real need for deepening in the Word of God. Grace Seminary has provided the opportunity for that deepening.

The Lord has done many wonderful things for me during these eight years of my formal training. Not the least of these being the supplying of a wonderful and faithful wife, as well as two precious children. These added responsibilities have brought



numerous opportunities for the Lord to show His ability to meet our every need. We have proven that those who follow the Lord in a life of faith and in obedience to His leading are never in want of the necessities of life.

It is with joy that we turn our eyes to look upon the needy field of Brazil to be missionaries in answer to God's call to serve Him in that place.

Whatever the future holds for me in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, I know that it would have been an impossibility without the years of study which are now behind me.

Grace Seminary has provided me with the assurance that the Word of God is true and that I need never apologize for the message of the truth that it sets forth.

### GRADUATE OMITTED



Michael Guy Bailey

A.B., Grace College  
Major: Science  
Home church: North Riverdale  
Brethren, Dayton, Ohio  
Future: Teach

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# Commencement

## 1963

By Homer A. Kent, Sr., Th.D.

The twenty-sixth annual commencement of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College came to an impressive conclusion on Thursday evening, June 6, when 101 students received diplomas and degrees. This was the largest graduating class in the history of the schools. The graduation service was held in the spacious Winona Lake Conference Auditorium in the presence of a capacity crowd of relatives, friends, students, and faculty. A procession to the service marched in traditional fashion from the Eskimo Inn down Park Avenue to the Auditorium just as the sun was sinking across the lake.

The events of Commencement Week began with the annual Class Day service held on Sunday morning, June 2, in the auditorium of McClain Hall. The Seminary graduating class was in complete charge of the service, the sermon for the occasion being delivered by Charles Zimmerman, president of the class, whose subject was "Disciplines for Christian Service."

As is customary during this concluding week a special communion service was held. It was observed on Monday evening in the Seminary Lounge for the benefit of the college and seminary graduates. Vice President Kent, Sr. was in charge with other members of the faculty participating in the leadership of the service.

The Baccalaureate service was held on Tuesday evening, June 4, in the Winona Lake Bible Conference Auditorium. The preacher for the occasion was Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Ind., whose church was represented in the graduating class. He

challenged the graduates to make the most of their opportunities in view of the splendid Christian education they have received.

On Wednesday evening preceding the graduation service, the music and speech departments of the college presented a program to a very appreciative audience, a large part of which was composed of parents and visiting friends of the members of the graduating classes.

Graduation Day began with the President's breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Winona Hotel. This was a new venture inaugurated by Dr. Hoyt for the purpose of honoring the graduates of both college and seminary. The Advisory Committee of the schools and the members of the Executive Committee of the board of trustees, which was holding its spring meeting in Winona, cooperated with Dr. Hoyt in honoring the graduates. Dean Arnold Kriegbaum was the master of ceremonies. The delightful occasion was fittingly concluded by a message from President Hoyt who challenged the graduates to uphold the high ideals of their alma mater as they go forth into various avenues of service.

The climax to Commencement Week was, of course, the graduation service. Following an impressive opening program, including musical numbers from the College choir and the Heralds of Grace male quartet, the graduation address was delivered by Dr. Donald B. Fullerton, leader of the Princeton University Evangelical Fellowship. Dr. Fullerton challenged the graduates to be true to the Word of God and the faith in these difficult times.

At the conclusion of the graduation address, Ross Carey and David

Dilling, president and secretary respectively of the college and seminary graduating classes, presented gifts to the schools from their classes. The college gift was a spectacular lighting system for the school tower. The gift from the seminary was a thermo-fax machine for the central office. Dean Arnold Kriegbaum accepted the gifts in behalf of the schools.

Honor students were then announced by President Herman A. Hoyt. One student in the college, Robert Davis, received the *summa cum laude*; four students were awarded the *magna cum laude*: Carol Mensinger, Ellen Jensen, Lois Nagel, and Margaret Hull. There were also four students who were awarded the *cum laude*: Joyce Baker, Richard Martin, Carolyn Bauman, and Jeanine Larson. In addition, there were five students who received honorable mention because of high scholastic standing though not qualifying for regular awards: Huletta Carey, Donna Grubb, Charlotte McCleary, Catherine McClure and Mary Lou Smith.

In the seminary those receiving honors were Charles Zimmerman, Ronald Fisher, and Edgar Lovelady who received the *summa cum laude*; James Renick who received the *magna cum laude*; and Jerry Day and James Custer who received the *cum laude*. Dr. John Whitcomb spoke in recognition of these honors.

Diplomas and degrees were then granted to the record 101 students, 72 from the college and 29 from the seminary. The names of all the Brethren graduates have appeared in a previous issue of this magazine.

The service concluded in the traditional way by the singing of the hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised". Rev. Gerald Kelley, pastor of the New Troy, Michigan, Brethren Church and whose church had two representatives in the college graduating class, offered the closing prayer and benediction. Following this the graduates took places on both sides and in the front of the auditorium to receive the congratulations of their many relatives and friends bringing to finality a glorious occasion and another year of victory.

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6 p.m.  
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7 p.m.  
Dinner

Send Reservations to:

Rev. William Kolb  
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Ashland, Ohio

## DORMITORY FUND REPORT

### Receipts to date:

Gifts ..... \$101,707  
Investments ..... 418,216

**\$519,923**

### Unpaid pledges:

Gifts ..... \$13,617  
Investments ..... 11,792

**\$25,409**

**GOAL ..... \$600,000**

Total receipts and unpaid pledges ..... **545,332**

Balance needed ..... **\$ 54,668**

### GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—April and May 1963

	General Fund	Building Fund		General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny			Canton	162.00	
Aleppo, Pa. ....	57.74	16.80	Cleveland	33.64	3.50
Listie, Pa. ....	162.40	10.50	Danville	15.00	
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	86.15	10.00	Findlay	98.41	
Stoystown, Pa. ....	6.65		Fremont (Grace)	240.51	27.94
Washington, Pa. ....	17.60		Homerville	73.00	
East			Mansfield (Grace)	1,980.50	62.00
Altoona, Pa. (First) ....	9.00		Mansfield (Woodville)	26.00	
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ....		34.90	Middlebranch	224.00	5.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) ..	133.17		Rittman	757.50	
Everett, Pa. ....	25.50	7.50	Wooster	128.12	40.00
Hopewell, Pa. ....	5.00		Northern Ohio District ..	50.00	
Johnstown, Pa. (First) ..	330.15	64.35	Northwest		
Kittanning, Pa. (First) ..	152.50	80.00	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	26.00	18.00
Kittanning, Pa.			Yakima, Wash. ....	35.00	
(North Buffalo) ....	56.92		Southeast		
Martinsburg, Pa. ....	45.00		Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ...	216.00	
East District Fellowship			Hollins, Va. ....	19.00	
of Brethren Churches ..	60.00		Limestone, Tenn. ....	45.60	
Indiana			Margate, Fla. ....	60.43	
Barbee Lakes		5.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	15.00	
Clay City	20.50		Roanoke, Va.		
Elkhart	116.38	17.50	(Washington Heights) ..	70.25	
Flora	25.00		Southern California and Arizona		
Fort Wayne (First) ....	120.10	20.59	Anaheim	117.59	
Goshen	43.00		Artesia	10.00	5.00
Kokomo	51.00		Beaumont	80.00	
Leesburg	20.95	8.35	Bell	11.25	
Osceola	123.63	5.00	Bellflower	3.00	3.00
Sidney	211.10	100.00	Compton	1.00	
South Bend	110.75	98.00	Fillmore	74.00	
Warsaw	38.00		Inglewood	67.00	
Wheaton, Ill. ....	202.00		Long Beach (First) ....	1,218.75	9.00
Winona Lake	1,097.80	78.90	LaVerne		2.00
Iowa			Montclair	5.00	
Dallas Center	186.00		Norwalk	146.25	
Garwin	133.00	22.00	Paramount	220.00	
Leon	8.00		Phoenix	19.50	
Waterloo	309.89	81.43	Rialto	123.41	
Michigan			Temple City	2.80	16.12
Alto	2.00	5.00	Whittier (Community) ..	78.79	
Grand Rapids	20.00		Whittier (First) ....	98.00	10.00
Lake Odessa	10.00		Southern Ohio		
New Troy	64.00		Camden	67.43	
Ozark	10.00		Clayton	58.50	29.50
Mid-Atlantic			Dayton (First)	247.28	162.00
Alexandria, Va. ....	136.77		Dayton (North Riverdale)	169.56	372.12
Hagerstown, Md.			Dayton (Patterson Park)	70.00	5.00
(Calvary)	218.83		Englewood		100.00
Hagerstown, Md.			Vandalia	98.00	
(Gay Street) ....	109.00		Miscellaneous		
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	15.00		Isolated Brethren	5.00	5.00
Washington, D. C.			Non-Brethren	487.00	275.00
(Grace)	48.95		National WMC		1,691.48
Washington, D. C.			Special Gifts (Bequests)		4,578.94
(First)	114.00		Maintenance Gifts	878.57	
Waynesboro, Pa. ....	51.55		Grace Seminary Alumni		
Winchester, Va. ....	131.61	38.05	Association	2.00	
Mid-Atlantic District ..	40.00		Totals	15,505.79	8,256.97
Midwest			Designated Gifts		
Cuba, N. Mex. ....	7.00		Grafton, W. Va. ....	1.00	
Denver, Colo. ....	56.25		Akron, Ohio	150.00	
Portis, Kans. ....	167.50	5.00	Ashland, Ohio	218.15	
Taos, N. Mex. ....		20.00	Barberton, Ohio	8.91	
Nor-Cal			Bellflower, Calif. ....	42.00	
Chico, Calif. ....	50.00		Canton, Ohio	37.50	
Modesto, Calif. (LaLoma)	133.25		Johnstown, Pa. (First)	4.00	
Modesto, Calif.			Kittanning, Pa. (First)	41.85	
(Community) ....	10.00	10.00	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	500.00	
Sacramento, Calif. ....		10.00	Mansfield, Ohio, Grace	60.00	
Northern Atlantic			Modesto, Calif. (Community)	10.00	
Allentown, Pa. ....	62.85		Washington, D. C. (First)	10.00	
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	35.25		Whittier, Calif. (Community)	5.00	
Lancaster, Pa. ....	18.00		Winona Lake, Ind. ....	508.16	
Palmyra, Pa. ....	109.50		Non-Brethren	471.75	
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	30.00		National Fellowship of Brethren		
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	337.62	60.50	Laymen	250.00	
Northern Atlantic District	25.00		Seminary Senior Class	359.00	
Northern Ohio			Combined Student Body Offerings	15.92	
Ankenytown	34.00	8.00	Grace Seminary Alumni	335.00	
Ashland	736.15	9.00	Total	3,028.24	
Barberton	120.19				
Bowling Green	1.00				



## Grace Professor VISITS RUSSIA

The Second Annual Indiana Delegation in the "People to People Goodwill Mission to Europe and the Soviet Union" will include Professor Wayne Snider, of the history department of Grace College. The delegation will include fifty members coming from the agricultural, business, and professional sectors of our society, and will be under the leadership of Dr. N. S. Hadley, professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, and Dr. James Snyder, assistant professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue.

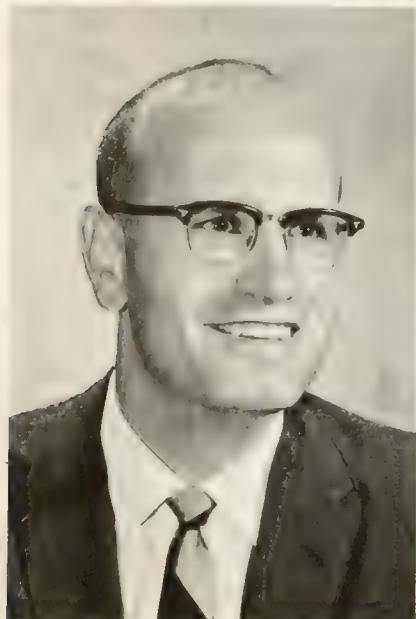
Professor Snider left New York by jet on June 26, for Manchester, England. In Brussels, Belgium meetings have been arranged with the American Embassy and representatives from the European Common Market Authority. Plans have been also made to visit the agricultural areas of Belgium. A week will be spent in the Soviet Union with a dinner party with the USSR Min-

istry of Agriculture officials and American Embassy representatives. Visits will be made to the Kremlin Interiors, the Lenin Mausoleum, the permanent Soviet World's Fair display, Moscow University, and an evening dinner is planned on one of the "state farms" after a day of inspection of agricultural methods on the farm.

Other places to be visited by Professor Snider will include Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin with an excursion through West Berlin to the Berlin Wall and into East Berlin. From July 16 to 24 he will visit Nuremberg, Munich, Vienna, Worms, Frankfurt, and be in Luxembourg for the 1000th anniversary. A motorlaunch excursion will be taken in Amsterdam.

Professor Snider states that the trip will be of tremendous value from the standpoint of the personal experiences and the firsthand viewpoint of the USSR, which will form the backdrop for his course in the History of Russia, which will be offered at Grace College in the 1963-64 academic year. There will also be a new course offered this fall in the History of Current Affairs. Firsthand knowledge and pictures that Mr. Snider brings back with him will make this area of his teaching of great interest.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mission, and he states: "Men must understand one another before nations can. People get together, so eventually will governments. There has never been a greater need for people-to-people than now. The opportunity and the challenge for people-to-people are unlimited." The purpose of the People-to-People Goodwill Mission is to establish understanding among peoples on an unofficial level. ▼



Prof. Wayne Snider



Mrs. Burrus Beard

## Dean Resigns

"Our Miss Schnittjer" is now Mrs. Burrus E. Beard. She was united in marriage to Mr. Beard on June 7 at Urbana, Illinois.

Mrs. Beard joined the Grace College faculty in 1954, and has faithfully served as the dean of women. She was highly respected by the faculty and students, and performed her duties tirelessly. Along with her work as dean of women, she was professor of speech, served on the admissions committee, and the dormitory building committee.

Mrs. Beard has served this past year as president of the Christian Association of Dean of Women. This association represents approximately thirty-five schools.

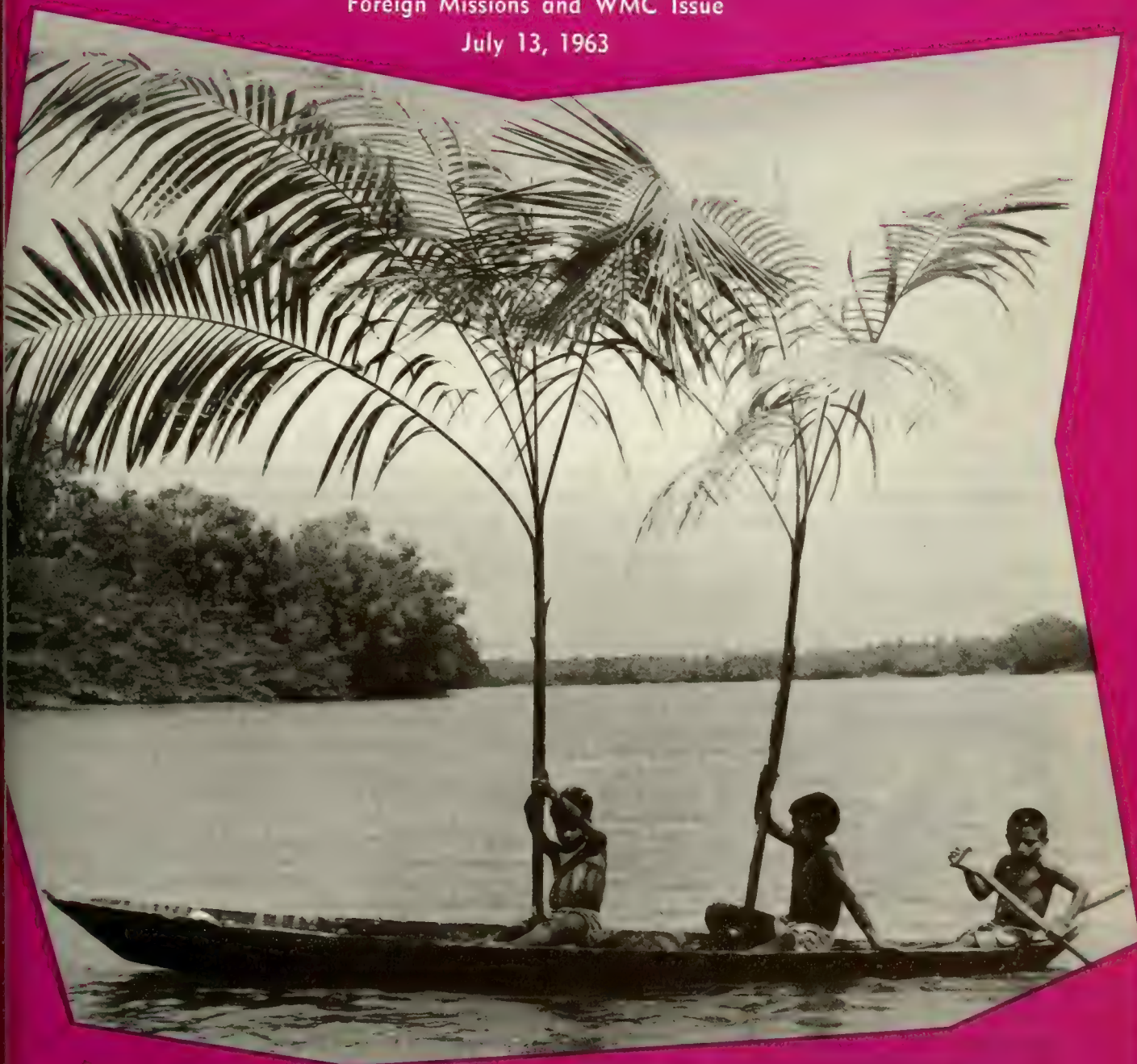
Mrs. Beard tendered her resignation to the board of trustees, effective July 30, after which Mr. and Mrs. Beard will reside at 311 Goodall Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.

The entire faculty and board of trustees expresses appreciation for the sacrificial services rendered by Mrs. Beard through the past nine years, and wishes for her God's best. —A.R.K. ▼



# BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

Foreign Missions and WMC Issue  
July 13, 1963



*In this issue—*

- We Would See Jesus
- A Successful Missionary Convention
- A School at Capanema Is a Must



# For Your Information

## COVER PHOTO



Three young Brazilians set out in their dugout canoe; one paddles while two hold the palm-branch sails. These youngsters are as much at home on the Amazon as most young Americans are on Main Street, USA.

## Consider Brethren Literature

Literature is in the eyes and ears of the world these days. We are told that there are millions of new literates each year, and that the isms are making almost unbelievable progress by use of the printed page. But, when Brethren think of literature, they think of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company particularly.

It is a fact that there is a great amount of "good" literature of a general nature available today. Anyone who will have it and read it. But there is another class of literature that cannot be had from such general sources. This is spoken of as "Brethren" literature. It is literature which presents things as the Brethren understand them and teach them. For this "Brethren" literature we turn very largely to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. If you love The Brethren Church, you will want to support this organization by subscription, and by gift during this special offering period in June and July.

## Our Puerto Rico Plan

Recently a number of people have asked: "What is the plan of operation in Puerto Rico, and how can we help?" A dual approach is being made in our work in Puerto Rico: Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman lead in the English work, and Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson in the Spanish work. You may contact the Brennemens at P.O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico, and the Dicksons at Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. Both families are self-supporting in that both men are employed in secular work to earn a livelihood.

You can assist greatly with your prayers. You can also help with your gifts to any or all of the following funds:

1. *Puerto Rico General Fund*—used for many purposes relating to the entire mission. One present purpose of the fund is in a mileage allowance being paid to both missionary families for the driving they do for the mission.
2. *Puerto Rico English Fund*—to establish and assist in the English-speaking work. Local believers are caring for local expenses, making fine gifts to other Brethren activities and saving toward a building fund. But they will need help in establishing the work. The missionaries receive no personal assistance from this fund.
3. *Puerto Rico Spanish Fund*. The Spanish testimony has similar needs. This fund is used for the Spanish-speaking work in the same way that the fund mentioned above is used for the English; the same conditions prevail.

Gifts to these funds are needed, and most welcomed. All funds should be sent to The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana.

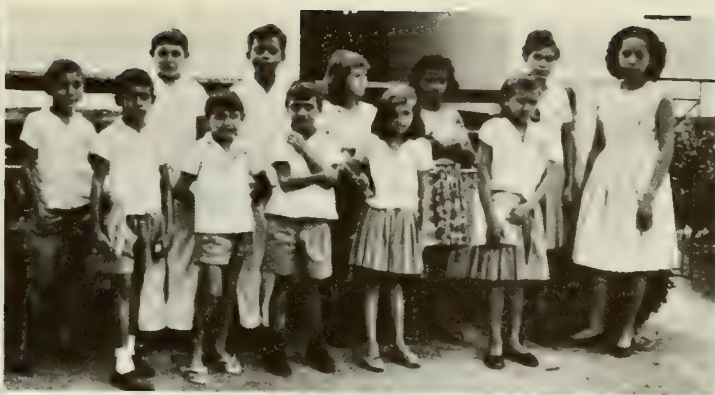
## A Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions

The board of trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society is calling a special Day of Prayer for Saturday, August 10, 1963, with a forenoon session from 9:00 to 11 o'clock, and an afternoon session 2:00 to 4 o'clock. Each session will be divided into two fifty-minute periods with a foreign missionary leading in a fifteen-minute devotional study to begin each period. The remaining time will be spent in prayer directed only by the Holy Spirit. There will be a short intermission between the prayer periods of each session.

The location of the meeting will be the seminary chapel. It is understood that many will have responsibilities elsewhere, but for all who can possibly do so, there is an invitation to join in this powerful privilege of prayer. Come for a few moments, for both sessions, or for whatever time you may have.

For the many who will not be in Winona Lake, it is suggested that there be such times of prayer that day in our churches, or for those driving toward Winona Lake, that they rest for a few moments from their driving to join in prayer. Any matter dealing with foreign missions and/or The Brethren Church is a matter very worthy of a place in this Day of Prayer.





Left: Teacher Rubenita Martins with Capanema first-graders; right: Lila Maciel and her second-graders

*Education around the world is vitally important, but*

## A SCHOOL AT CAPANEMA IS A MUST

*By Miss Barbara Hulse*

Through the years many of the adults who were saved in Capanema could not read, or did so so poorly that they really understood very little of what they read. This means slow spiritual growth. Upon investigating the school situation, we found that only about 30 percent of the children in that area ever start to school. Many of that 30 percent drop out after only one or two years of schooling. It is a very small percent indeed that completes the six years of Brazilian primary school.

There are government schools supported by state funds, but as is obvious from the above figures, these are not nearly enough to meet the need of the population. And even in the schools which do exist there is frequently a lack of proper materials. The classrooms are very overcrowded. Often the teachers are not qualified educationally or morally to teach. Also, the believers tell us of time set aside for catechism classes taught by the priests or nuns. The children study only three hours a day, eight months a year, so you can see that each moment of class time is precious.

If we had needed more convincing about the need for a Christian day school in Capanema, the recent political situation did just that. The man who lost the election for mayor was shortly thereafter given the position of Director of Education for the municipality of Capanema. He

promptly fired all of the teachers who had voted against him. Some of these were better qualified to teach than those he has hired in their places. Many were not replaced and as a result there was much confusion in the schools this year. The children have to pass a national test before they can pass from one grade to another. They have missed so much school this year because of that situation that it is doubtful if many of them will be able to pass.

How can parents who cannot read the Bible for themselves "train up a child in the way he should go"? Unless we have children and young people taught and trained in the Word, how can they ever go out and "teach others also"? Herein lies the burden and the purpose for a school in Capanema. It is not that we might provide an education for many children. It is not necessarily that we have the best school in the town, although we feel that it will be of high quality. Our desire and goal is to train and teach the children of believers in such a way that each individual will be personally committed to Christ and His cause. Our efforts will be multiplied many times as these young people carry God's Word to others.

It was not only the missionaries that were concerned about the school. The people of the church had been asking for it for a long time, and this year they were determined

that we should begin even in the face of many difficulties. Only one-third of the estimated cost of the building had been received. Would this provide sufficient materials even if the men of the church did all of the work themselves? Building materials are very much in demand; could we even get sufficient for the building without delaying many months? We could not possibly begin school in the middle of March as all the others do. Should we go ahead even though we had to start late and with the classes in the church building—an inconvenience to the church and school. The answer was "yes," and so April 15, 1963, saw the opening of the Capanema school with seventeen first- and eleven second-graders. We hope to add at least one grade each year until we have a full primary school.

There have been delays in getting material and the month of May passed with only a start on the front wall. With the arrival of bricks and with June and July to work, we hope to start classes in our new building in August.

Our two teachers have both finished primary school. One has had Bible institute training. But more important than their education is their sense of responsibility to the Lord in teaching these children. Pray that the teachers will be faithful in their task so that the children in their turn will be able to "teach others also."



**Good planning and dedicated personnel produced**

## **A Successful Missionary**

### **Convention in South Bend**

**By Rev. Gene E. Witzky**

"This is the most worthwhile meeting we have ever had in our church," stated one lady. And another: "You really aren't interested in the missionaries until you meet them."

These remarks came as the result of the first annual missionary convention in our church—the Ireland Road Brethren Church in South Bend, Indiana.

The convention began on Friday evening, May 24, when we had a foreign missions fair. Seven ladies from the WMC had been chosen and each assigned a field. These ladies in turn chose other helpers, and gathered pictures, curios, descriptive facts, and figures. A sample of food which might be eaten in the particular land was served in each of the seven booths; for example, coffee for Brazil, and punch for Hawaii. Some of the booths featured recent slides and tapes from the fields. Every five to seven minutes a bell was rung and each of the seven groups then moved quickly to the next booth to view the wares.

On Saturday morning the conference continued with a slide presentation, a special prayer time with the missionaries, and a forum when the missionaries poured out their hearts with their own particular burdens for the work of missions. Many things were discussed—all the way from methods to get the people at home to pray more consistently for the missionaries, to the funniest thing that had happened to the missionaries on the fields. Hearts were stirred as Simon-Pierre Nambouzouina, the African pastor, pled for someone to come to Africa to teach the natives music, and to translate some of the Bible study books into his tongue so that the African pastors can have a few of the many books

that line the shelves of the pastors' studies in the homeland. Tears were shed as this product of missionary endeavor pointed to himself time and again and said: "See, I am the result of your giving and praying. Do not stop now."

Sunday was the great day of climax, for by that time attention was being drawn to the \$3,000 goal, which had been set for the coming year. Faith-promise cards were handed to every man, woman, boy, and girl in the main service on Sunday morning. Missionaries had spoken to all the Sunday-school classes, and much prayer had gone up concerning our goal in missionary giving, looking toward the next twelve months. Faith-promise cards were brought to the front after being filled out. Only the totals on the cards were read. No totals were as yet registered on the huge thermometer that stood at the front of the church; this was held until the evening service when all the faith-promise cards would be turned in.

After a delicious carry-in dinner had been enjoyed, another forum was held. A tape was played, fresh from the famed Peoples Church of Toronto, Canada (the entire closing day of their month-long missionary convention had been taped).

In the evening service Dr. Jobson presented a stirring missionary challenge. The final faith-promise offering cards were distributed, collected, and the results tabulated. Excitement filled the air as the pastor prepared to read the totals that the people of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church would give to foreign missions from May 1963 to May 1964. We had arranged that the choir would be standing ready to sing "How Great Thou Art" if we reached our goal of \$3,000. But, few

were prepared for the shock that was to come when the pastor read the figure written in large bold numbers on the paper handed to him—\$7,046.88!

I am certain that without a well-planned missionary convention and fine, dedicated missionary personnel this result would never have been possible. We have a wonderful Lord. This faith-promise goal for the coming year is just a token of the Spirit's work in the hearts of our people. I believe this is only the beginning of the blessing that will come to a people who will promise to give to the work of the Lord money that they do not have, but that the Lord will provide. I believe this may be the beginning of a new and wonderful working of the Spirit of God in the hearts of Brethren people to meet the ever-increasing need and challenge of reaching the millions still untold.

The success of the convention at the Ireland Road church insures the fact that the missionary conference will be an annual affair. The theme for this conference, "*The Cry of the World*," came from Dr. Oswald Smith's recent book by that title. Every family represented in any five of the conference sessions was given a copy of the book as an award for faithfulness.

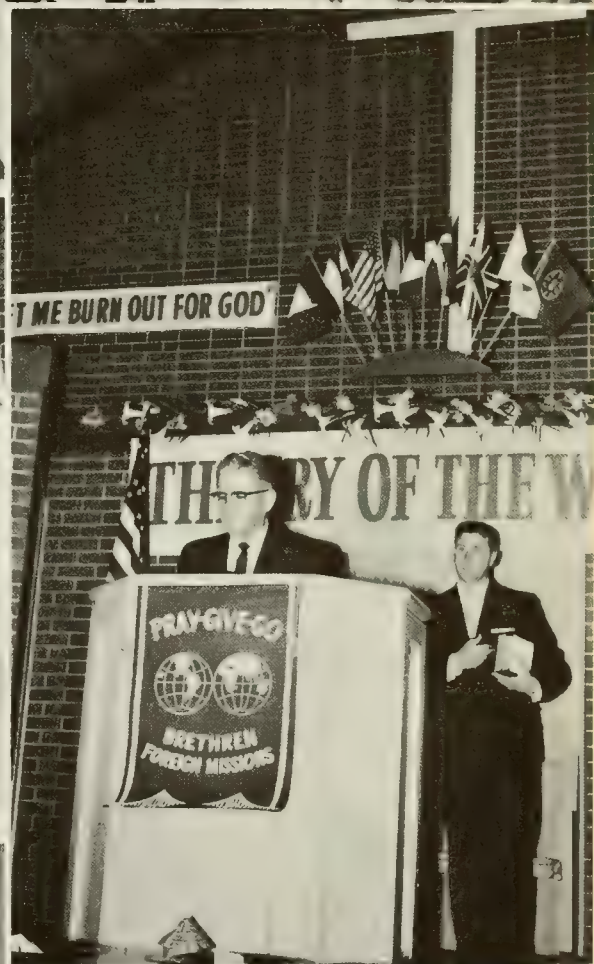
We wish to express our thanks to The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for the fine cooperation we enjoyed from them. At one time we had eleven of the missionary personnel on hand for the conference.

Everything considered, perhaps the greatest thrill of all came in the closing service when three young people walked to the front of the church to give themselves to the Lord for full-time service. This overshadows the fact that we tripled our foreign mission offering of last year, for no matter how much money we may give, it will never buy the consecrated young lives to carry the gospel message to far-off lands.

The blessings of this conference will linger on in minds of the people of our church, and certainly for the pastor this first such conference he has ever participated in will never be forgotten. ▼



Pictures from the convention sessions. Center right: Dr. Orville Jobson in pulpit, Pastor Witzky behind. Lower left: Missionary Don Spangler speaks: Lower right: Rev. J. Paul Dowdy and a Sunday-school class.





## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director

Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



MISSIONARY  
HELPERS—

Caryl Benton



Sharon Connolly



Mark Knepper



Dawn Knepper

All of these are from Trout Lake, Michigan, and attend the Grace Brethren Church of Ozark.



### KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES—

It was in 1952 that Rev. and Mrs. Donald Miller and their family first went to Africa as missionaries. For the past eleven years they have served the Lord at various stations. Now they live at Bozoum. Their daughter, Barbara, attends the Missionary Children's School nearby. Mr. Miller is the nephew of Miss Estella Myers, one of our pioneer missionaries to Africa. Along with his other duties, Mr. Miller is the "field treasurer," keeping the records of the money for our Africa field.

### MARY MISSIONARY—



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## African Pastor to Attend NFBC Conference

By Rev. George E. Cone

Meeting in its annual reunion at Batangafo, Central African Republic, November 20-23, 1962, the African General Conference chose a delegate to the 1963 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This highlight of the African General Conference came after hearing a tape-recorded message sent to them by an African pastor in America.

Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, pastor and professor at the Bible Institute, is now in America helping William Samarin with a government-sponsored project of preparing a Sango grammar. Simon's own story of his

trip by plane, his first reactions of America, and his request to hear from all of them brought about a live response on the part of the delegates.

The welcome offered him by the church he attended while with the Samarins, overwhelmed him. "We are one in Christ," was his reaction, "and we must work together for His glory."

The large library of Christian literature at the school where he was working whetted his appetite to learn English quickly and prompted a message to his brethren. "We think we are rich when we have four or

five books," he counseled. "But here in America they have 500 commentaries on the Book of John alone; we are poor and do not realize it."

The conference moved into action as they heard his final request: "If you have any message for the churches here in America, I will be your voice to them."

A lively discussion of the needs of the churches followed, and a committee was formed to put down in a letter the decisions made. The conference chose Pastor Nambozouina as a delegate to the American church conference to deliver their message.

They expressed their thanks for what the churches of America have done for them thus far, requesting continued prayer and promising the same. They asked for further missionary help, especially in the field of literature and missionary elders.

If you attend the conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in August 1963, you will without doubt see Pastor Nambozouina and hear his message from the African churches. Will you be prepared to help fill those requests?

## AN SOS FOR ARGENTINA RADIO

At present there is an "open door" for the gospel radio ministry in Argentina. Our Brethren mission sponsors a number of radio broadcasts each week. In the Buenos Aires area the Brethren have a program three times weekly on the largest station in Argentina. It is noteworthy that although sponsored by the mission, the programs carry only Argentine speaking and singing voices.

The response to the broadcasts is gratifying, for which the Lord is greatly to be praised. According to word from officials at the radio station, in one recent month the mission's program had the best response of any on the station for that entire month.

But this successful radio ministry requires funds. Recent word from Rev. Lynn Schrock, who is in charge of this department of the mission, indicates that the funds allocated for radio were becoming dangerously low. The requirement for the radio

ministry—on three different stations, with one program going out each day of the week except Sunday, from one or another of these stations—are about \$350 per month. On the Rio Cuarto station the cost is \$17.50 per week, according to the most recent report, while on the Buenos Aires station the price is \$19 per program (three programs per week). Gifts of any size will be welcomed for the radio ministry. It would be commendable indeed if certain groups or organizations would assume responsibility for contributing a certain amount per month for this work.

Your consideration and support are solicited for this opportunity which the Lord has so graciously given us to get the saving message of the Gospel out to the millions in Argentina. Please mail all contributions to The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana.





The *Vamos* awaits her owner while believers start homeward after an island service

» By Rev. Bill Burk

## From the Log of "Vamos I"

The maiden voyage of the little *Vamos* (named "Let's Go!" in answer to our Lord's Great Commission) turned out to be quite indicative of the rest of her charmed life of nearly a decade. Two missionaries (both ex-sailors) who knew absolutely nothing of the Amazon's waters, and who made no inquiry locally about the various dangers, put an unreliable third-hand motor on the transom of their new \$100 boat. Then, shoving off with a lunch and a box of Gospels for a trip around reef-ringed Cotijuba Island, they passed nonchalantly over the graves of many a vessel including at least one ocean-going ship. God's blessing to us that day was calm, high water. Had it been any other tide and had the motor given trouble on the windward side of the island, the maiden voyage could have easily been the last. And the sailors? Well, they had no life jackets and the twenty-mile-wide Bay of Marajo opens below Cotijuba directly to the Atlantic Ocean!

Even on that first trip we nearly lost an anchor when it fouled on rocks that we didn't imagine existed. And it seems that close calls without tragic results must have been written into the *Vamos's* original charter. On the rocks over the years she's only nicked her prop and broken drive-pins. On rough water and floating logs the bottom has been punctured, but never too badly to limp home for another plywood patch on the inside, or a new section of the bottom itself. She's stumbled onto various other shipwrecks along this uncharted river and has facilitated in the saving of some. Besides her missionary work, such as the evangelization of an unevangelized area of

Amazon islands and eventually establishing three Brethren churches, she's pulled to safety two victims of shipwreck who were in danger of drowning.

The latest such instance was yesterday (Wed. Apr. 10), the day which inspired this story of thanksgiving to a God not too busy to care for His own on this muddy river. The story starts on Monday when I had the whole family aboard, and we broke one of the soft drive-pins we make locally from brass brazing rods. We were nearly swamped in the violent wake of a passing ship while installing a new pin! So on Tuesday I put on my only spare stainless steel prop-pin, the first one this Evinrude 18 has had in four years. I've been saving it, it seems, for just such a day, and the Lord knew when it would be needed. That evening I studied late on the Thessalonian Epistles and the sixteenth century of church history for the next day's weekly preachers' class on Jaguar Island.

Arising early, I tried not to notice the rain and wind driving dangerously from upstream while I lit the kerosene lantern and prepared the books, tools, and such for the trip, and while Imogene fixed my lunch. I mentioned to her that it looked like it would be a good idea to put in a change of clothes (the first time I'd requested such for this regular Wednesday trip). In spite of unusual difficulties in getting away through the pounding surf, something kept driving me on—normally I'd not even have crawled out of bed until daylight, noticing such wind and rain at dawn. I was already soaked and the boat well filled with water before I ever got out deep

enough to start the motor. During the ten minutes that I was down at the next beach to pick up Cotijuba's pastor Arthur, I began to realize that the water was somewhat rougher than usual. Art couldn't get out to me through the surf and I couldn't get ashore because of the rocks at each end of his beach. So I decided to put on my life jacket and continue the trip to teach the other two preachers, Trinity and Benjamin, anyway.

Returning past Burk's Homesick Beach on my way to Jaguar Island, I noticed a sheet hanging on the porch—an emergency signal calling me ashore—and a crowd on the beach. But I could not get in to the beach because of the unusually high surf which would fill the boat over the transom. So, one of the neighbors came out a ways through the water to point to someone swimming offshore near the rocks which extend dangerously out into the river directly in front of our house on the cliff. I couldn't hear him nor did I get his message, so he managed to get out to me and come aboard to show where a fourteen-year-old boy was swimming. He told me that there had been a shipwreck while I was gone (my family had seen it all!) and that all the crew was ashore but this boy. The wind and current were forcing him and me toward the reef, and to pick up the boy in this storm I'd have had to get closer to those rocks than the *Vamos* had ever been—even in calm water!

At such a time, a person cannot delay long in a decision; a life was at stake—we'd have to go. The boy was holding onto two logs of firewood (the cargo of his floundering sailboat), but couldn't make headway against the waves and was



obviously tired. We got him aboard, turned around, and were soon driven onto the sand bar offshore by the violent waves which began to swamp the little peanut shell of a boat (as one of our missionaries refers to the *Vamos*). There was no alternative but for my neighbor to go into the water and push us off the bar into the deep; then swim ashore himself! And that's when the soft brass drive-pin would have snapped, for the prop was digging into the bar between every wave crest. Eventually we got out into the channel and deep water. I turned to see if the boy was okay in the seat behind me, and then proceeded to bail water while thinking things over. Eventually I saw his ship. It was lying on its side deep in the water in the channel offshore—it hadn't gone down on the rocks as I'd imagined. It was just that the forty-foot boat couldn't stay afloat in those heavy seas—and here we were in this open twelve-foot runabout!

About that time we had to forget our own troubles and try to help another sailboat of similar size which was about to be driven onto the rocks of the next point on Cotijuba's windy coast, and then eventually get back to the first boat to do everything possible to keep her from floundering on either one of these two reefs. With the help of some islanders (half of them believers) we got a line aboard the swamped hull, removed the sails, and got her secured—still on her side—on a pebbly beach between the two bad rock piles. When I finally took my watch out of the waterproof ammunition box, I was amazed to note that it was already afternoon!

As soon as it became clear that the *Vamos* had done her work for the day, I signaled to the men on the beach my intention of putting her ashore. They hurried to the little thatched boat shack. It felt good to be going home because on only one other occasion have I come closer to being seasick on the Amazon—that was years ago, about a mile offshore with a dead motor. As we passed between two sections of this reef in front of our house, I remembered again the thought I'd had several times that day that our boat

(at the least!) would have been done for if the motor had failed. As we saw later, this storm with its yards-high waves had tossed around and broken up heavy boulders which hadn't budged an inch in the two years we've lived on the island—and such a storm could have easily made the little *Vamos* into kindlin' wood in a hurry. About twenty seconds after passing through the channel in these rocks that are but a stone's throw from our front porch, I nosed the boat into the hands of the men who were waiting to pull her from the surf, shut down the motor—and a gas line snapped, spraying gasoline over everything!

About the shipwrecked sailboat, with the tide receding in the afternoon, and a line tied to the masthead, the crew and neighbors managed to set her upright. Then began the hours-long job of bailing out her hold with buckets from various island homes. The islanders fed the crew—each meal brought in a tin can from a different home. The Brethren brought their kerosene lanterns (each family has one, and fills and brings it to church to light the building). For life preservers the men used the motor-scooter inner tubes we have in the *Vamos* for seat cushions, and the work thus proceeded on into the night. By midnight the wind had died and the moon was bright. The tide was high, and with no trouble the men brought the wreck ashore to a sheltered, sandy beach where she will be repaired to make her seaworthy again.

And this is likely the last shipwreck that the *Vamos* will see. She's tired, well worn, and some of her

## NOTICE

The joint annual meeting of the Ohio and California corporations of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church will be held on Friday morning, August 16 1963, in the Winona Lake Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana. All members of the society are privileged to vote and are urged to attend.

principal members are rotten. She's traveled almost daily for years, furnishing transportation on this river for two missionary terms. As we pack for furlough knowing that our work is finished in this group of islands, and that the three pastors will continue well the work begun, we stop again to stand grateful to God that never once has the *Vamos* been upset or dangerously swamped on this most treacherous Amazon River! "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof . . . He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men" (Ps. 107:23-31). ▼

(FMS Editor's note: The Burk family arrived in the U.S. on June 13 to begin their year of furlough.)



The Burk home on Homesick Beach, Cotijuba Island



# The Operation Was a Success

By  
Mrs.  
Lewis  
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Hohenstein

Whittier, California

Perhaps, you have heard it said in jest: "The operation was a success, but the patient died." Let me tell you the story of the patient who lived.

She had grown very weak. We knew she was quite ill and had tried all the remedies at hand, anything that was suggested was used to help her gain strength and recover. However, all had failed. The doctor called the family together and told them her condition was critical, and she could not possibly last throughout the night.

Now it was the midnight hour, only those who have sat at the bedside of a patient or loved one can know the unutterable silence that prevails. The only sounds to be heard were an occasional moan of pain, the creak of a bed, the sounds of distant water running, or the quiet swish of the stiffly starched uniform of the night nurse making rounds. In our patients room just the steady hiss of the oxygen as a last effort was heard.

How the hours seemed to drag. She stirred restlessly in her bed, seeming to object to the arm being immobilized. Her blood had been typed and cross matched and the life giving—we hoped—transfusion was slowly, steadily dripping into her veins.

The pillows were adjusted and the covers smoothed in a seemingly vain effort to make her last hours on this earth comfortable. We sat at her bedside, quietly, meditatively trying to recall all that she had meant to her family, her church, her community, and her many friends. It just wasn't possible to let her go. Surely this was not the Lord's will. She must live! There were so many things to be done, so many were depending on her. Is there anything else dear Lord, that we can do? We had really tried everything, but although she would rally briefly, she would have a relapse and fail again.

Then suddenly, yes, there seems to be a very slight change. The sky is gray, dawn is breaking. We remove the empty transfusion bottle and arm board, and again check the vital signs. Her respiration is markedly slower, pulse is steady, and the blood pressure is definitely up. At that moment, the sun breaks gloriously through casting its rays across her bed. What a miracle she is still alive, so with joyous and thankful hearts we start to prepare her for surgery. She must go to the operating room this morning if there is to be a permanent recovery.

Surgical gown, cap, stockings, and pre-operative medication are cared for. She is placed on the cart and wheeled into the operating theater into the competent hands of the surgeon, assistant, anesthetist, operating room nurses, and technicians.

After her return from the recovery room, and a few days of good post operative, our patient is sent home. Several months have elapsed and she is now healthy, growing, and busy, a new joy to all who know and love her.

It happened at the First Brethren Church in Whittier this past year to our beloved lady (WMC). After much of the healing medication of prayer and a faithful committee of our operating team, we have seen WMC in our church this past year not only triple in numbers, but also in spirit, in work, and in love.

A chosen committee met late last summer with a large map of our area. The name of each woman in our church was pin-pointed at her residence on our map. The area was then divided into four parts. Each committee member wrote a personal letter inviting that woman to a formative meeting of a WMC circle. The dates and places of the four circles were then listed and all the women were invited to attend the meeting in her area, or another area on the day and time which best suited the individual. The operation met with overwhelming success. Each circle has their own devotional meeting (monthly) using the national WMC material and theme. They have their own projects, and individual programs. The chairman and the secretary of each circle then meet once a month with the executive board of the general WMC.

Our ladies are now reluctant to miss a meeting of her circle and competition is keen and spirit is high. How we do thank the Lord that "the operation was a success," for we almost lost the patient.

She is once again the true and staunch supporter both prayerfully and financially of her friends (the missionaries on each of the Brethren fields), her community, and her family (the First Brethren Church of Whittier), and most important she has again had the "joy of salvation" restored to her by her faith and love in the Lord Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us that we might have "life and that we might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).



# Even a Child Should Pray

By Mrs. Forrest Jackson

Dayton, Ohio

Can prayer be a real thing in the life of a child? How much is repetition, and how much actually comes from the heart? In family devotions six-year-old David may thank the Lord "for making me a good boy," and then be the instigator of mischief when playing with his playmates. How meaningful is prayer among children?

The responsibility of every Christian parent begins as soon as the child is born. Every child learns to walk by walking, to talk by talking, and to pray by praying. As we watch the baby learn to stand alone, to walk, and to dress himself, we cannot remember when we learned the same skills. Yet now we do them without thinking. Even so a child should not be able to remember the time when he did not pray. If this is to be true, prayer must be a constant, natural part of his daily life.

Prayer at mealtime should begin immediately. When the child sees Mom and Dad bow in prayer before each meal, he will naturally imitate. Soon the toddler will be able to repeat words said to him by his parents. Even though his hands may be reaching for a spoon at the same time, he will easily repeat, "Jesus, thank you, Amen." This is training in "politeness" to God and does not come from the heart at this age. Why spend time urging a child to say "thank you" to a doting aunt for a toy, and then consider him too young to learn politeness to the Giver of every good and perfect gift—including the distasteful chopped spinach?

As the child grows, his prayers too should grow in length and depth. Many of us have seen our four-year-old thank God for everything after

thanking Him for the food. Even though the soup gets cold, we can't bring ourselves to limit his thankfulness.

Eventually he will realize that all praying does not have to be at mealtime, but he can pray *anywhere* at *anytime* about *anything*.

A quiet time of his own should be encouraged as your child learns to read. Encourage him in this habit by giving him a book of devotions written particularly for children, or work out a list of brief portions of Scripture that can be read and understood by a child.

In an effective Christian home a family altar is a *must* with every member participating according to his ability. If it is a battle to get children to pray, don't give it up "until the children learn to pray." They'll never learn that way. Instead, try giving a pertinent Bible verse for each to say when his turn comes to pray. "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you," can be effective

in teaching children their relationship to other children and to God. Couple this with loving, earnest prayer by a parent for the child in his hearing to give him a definite part in the family devotions.

Now prayer has become a habit. The problem still is how can we make prayer *real*?

It is our responsibility before God to help transform the lisping prayer of the two-year-old into the heartfelt prayer of a mature Christian. The transformation is only possible if the child has come to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Even though the form of prayer has been there, the reality cannot be present without Christ in the heart.

Finally, our prayer life must be an example to our children. They must *know* that we *know* the value of intercessory prayer.

Even though temptations will come to our children, through our prayers, we can build a wall around them until they too will know the reality of prayer in a personal way.





AN EXPERIENCE  
THAT DREW ME CLOSE TO THE LORD

By Mrs. Gerald Teeter

Findlay, Ohio

The first experience which drew me close to the Lord was when I had the assurance of my salvation. I had made a decision for the Lord several years before, but thought that one wasn't to say one was "saved." One night while I was praying it seemed that the Lord spoke so clearly to me that I truly knew I belonged to Him. I felt the Lord's presence so near that I could almost reach out and touch Him. My life was changed, and the new joy and happiness I experienced then has never left me.

To come to a more recent experience which drew me close to the Lord was last year when my father went home to be with the Lord. There was never a father who loved his three daughters more than mine did, and I know that there was never a father who was loved more than mine.

He had been in poor health for several years, but when the call came that he was critically ill and on his way to the hospital, we started home thinking that we would have some time with him. After traveling several hours, we called long distance and learned that my father had gone to be with the Lord. Oh, how hard it was to receive this news in a phone booth so far from home! Yet we knew that he was saved and was now with the Lord—so there was an inner peace. We knew that the Lord was very near and again I just needed to "reach out," and the Lord was as near as the night when I was given the assurance of my salvation.

Through this experience my mother was the one who drew me close to Him by her sweet testimony. She was a blessing to me, as well as to others. My sister said: "She is 'holding up' like this for us." Many people asked Mother: "How can you do it?" Every time her answer was: "The Lord promised me strength for each day, and that is what I'm lean-

ing on—His strength." Even in sorrow what a joy it was to see one leaning on Him especially one so close to me as my own mother. How I praise Him for her!

Just two weeks before my father's death we were with my parents and helped them celebrate their

fortieth wedding anniversary. We had "open house" and enjoyed visits from nearly all of the friends and relatives who were dear to our family. We were so grateful for this very happy occasion that the Lord allowed us to have together.

Now I can look back and see how the Lord led so definitely in making it possible for us to go home for the anniversary celebration. How precious it is to know that the Lord leads us step by step although sometimes, as in my case, we don't realize His leading until we have an occasion to "look back" and see how He led us all the way!

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

AFRICA—

- Miss Rosella Cochran ..... September 1  
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic  
Mrs. Donald G. Hocking ..... September 11  
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic

ARGENTINA—

- Mrs. Loree Sickel ..... September 10  
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
Mark Stephen Schrock ..... September 12, 1953  
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.  
Rev. Lynn D. Schrock ..... September 23  
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

BRAZIL—

- Mrs. Randall E. Maycumber ..... September 7  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil  
Ann Lenore Zielasko ..... September 11, 1950  
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil

FRANCE—

- Neal Lee Fogle ..... September 1, 1951  
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. & O.) France  
Becky Jean Julien ..... September 28, 1956  
61, Bd. Joseph-Vallier, Grenoble (Isere) France

HAWAII—

- Jonathan Edmund Leech ..... September 16, 1945  
98-404 Ponoale Street, Aiea, Oahu, Hawaii

MEXICO—

- Mrs. Walter E. Haag ..... September 11  
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.  
Sandra Rebecca Haag ..... September 16, 1952  
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.  
Richard Marvin Edmiston ..... September 22, 1949  
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.

IN THE UNITED STATES—

- Miss Bertha Abel ..... September 12  
2113 Gilmore, Columbus, Indiana  
Miss Ruth Snyder ..... September 8  
211 Second Street, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania  
Mrs. George E. Cone ..... September 23  
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana

# Pen Pointer Quiz

*Prepared by Mrs. Robert Firl, Temple City, California*

## WOMEN MANIFESTING CHRIST

Answer True or False

1. A Sunday-school teacher or youth worker should not try to persuade young people to make a personal decision for Christ.
2. Missionaries and all Christian workers depend greatly on our prayer support.
3. Only WMC members may be prayer warriors.
4. A primary goal of WMC is to help each lady develop a strong Christian character by the means of Bible reading, prayer, and witnessing.
5. Bible reading is "our rest," prayer is "our food," and "witnessing" is our exercise.
6. Every WMC lady should try to attend the 15th Day of Prayer.
7. The midweek prayer meeting at your church is called the "circle of prayer."
8. Tracts of all kinds are available to help in Christian growth, as well as to present salvation to the unsaved.
9. Soul-winning should be the main focus of visitation.
10. Missionaries often feel lack of prayer support, especially in the winter months.

## LIST OF QUALITIES DESIRED FOR A WIFE:

The following was submitted by a sophomore man in a Family Living class at Grace College. The assignment was: List the qualities you would like to find in a mate.

1. Above all she must be a Christian, a real Christian! If you ask most people if they are Christians, they do not seem to know what you are talking about. I'm not talking about that kind of Christian, I mean one who is "sold out" and dedicated to Christ.

2. She should, if possible, be Brethren. However, if she wasn't Brethren, I would do my best to bring her into The Brethren Church.

3. She should enjoy most of the things which I enjoy, including church, sports, and so on.

4. She must make a good mother for our children, one who is willing to sacrifice her own comfort for that of our offspring.

5. She should be a good homemaker. She should be neat in her work.

6. She should be attractive and neat—not a Venus, of course (an armless wife is not so good)—but pleasant to look upon.

7. She should know her place as a Christian wife.

8. Of course, these are just a few of the desired requirements, and no one can be exactly what you want. However, she should be a wife that has the traits of a Christian wife, and the wife that God has for you.

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The Northern Atlantic district met for their conference this year at the River Valley Ranch, Maryland. Pictured above are the WMC ladies of the district who met in the hotel lobby.



# WMC News

**MID-ATLANTIC.** The Mid-Atlantic spring conference convened at the Gay Street Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Maryland, May 2-3. The WMC sessions were well attended both days. We had purchased a new attendance plaque, and this was awarded to the Martinsburg, West Virginia, WMC.

Our district project for this rally was to buy medical supplies for Africa, and the Lord blessed with an offering of \$385.06. We praise the Lord for this, for we had a special project this year of supporting a Navajo child, and this offering amounted to \$167.07.

We enjoyed the fellowship of Mrs. Leo Polman in these meetings, and she really gave us a pep talk on SMM and told us of some of the wonderful plans for National Conference.

A Foreign Missions Fair, sponsored by the WMC, was enjoyed by all those present after the service on Thursday evening. Each church had been assigned a field (we included the Jewish and Navajo works so that each church would have an assignment). The displays and costumes were beautiful and each booth had "native" refreshments. May the things learned from these displays increase our interest and offerings.

Rev. Tom Julien brought us an enlightening and challenging message concerning the work in France. He told how that through superstition and persecution the Catholics were able to get the authority in France today. There is a great need in France when you consider that only about 2 percent of all the people are Protestants and of this number, only one out of ten knows anything about the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. He asked us to pray for this work.

After two wonderful days of fellowship and serving the Lord, the friends had to leave for their respective homes. We look ahead to that day when we will be called to meet the Lord and have an eternity to enjoy these blessings together.

—Mrs. L. S. Shingleton

**EAST DISTRICT.** Our East district spring rally gave us a pleasant sensation this time as we rejoiced in "showers of blessings at Geistown, Pennsylvania. "Showers of Blessings" was one of the songs we sang together. The group singing at our rallies is always one of the delights of these gatherings, for we follow "Ida Mae," our song leader, in praising Christ our divine leader.

Our theme was "Portraits of Blessings." Different ladies gave us word pictures or portraits of the blessings they had received in their different callings in life. We heard from a pastor's wife, a district patroness, a mother, a nurse, a housewife, an elementary teacher, and a hairdresser. God had given all these Christian ladies abundant blessing in their respective professions. Two ladies also expressed their thanksgiving for blessings in special songs, and another in devotions. It was impressed upon us that the Lord Jesus is with us in great blessings no matter what our lot if we let Him have His way in our life. He is with us not only on Sundays in church, but also in every phase and moment of our lives.

Mrs. Ruth Burns conducted a "Pen Pointer" quiz for presidents. This afforded some variety and interest. Some of the ladies did very well in answering questions. Some of us could improve. An award of a fine notebook was given to the North Buffalo group for having the most ladies present—fifteen.

Enthusiasm has been running high in our district these last months in trying to meet our district goal—both for SMM and for WMC: that of furnishing fifteen rooms for the new girls' dorm at Grace. Our district patroness reported that the SMM had gone over their goal of \$1,000.

And I know that the prayer in every WMC lady's heart goes far deeper than just for material furnishings for rooms! It is for not only showers, but also cloudbursts of spiritual blessings upon our college, our seminary, those who conduct them, and all the students who will ever attend them! In these days of awful apostasy, may God keep our schools and our young people close to His side!

—Mrs. Fred Walter, secretary

**GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.** Approximately sixty-five members and guests attended the WMC Mother-Daughter program at the First Brethren Church on May 10. The theme for the program was "Pattern for Living."

Unusual programs resembled a pattern envelope containing a "pattern layout" on which was printed the details of the program on various parts of a dress pattern; and an "instruction sheet," which was a very clever arrangement of guides for use as a spiritual pattern for living.

After an appropriate welcome to both mothers and daughters, we enjoyed "fashions" from our great grandmother's day to our modern day narrated by Mrs. Ethel Martin. "Alice Blue Gown," an old favorite tune, was sung by Mrs. Althea Miller and her daughter Sharon. A skit, "The Abdicating Mother" had a very timely message. Following a mother-grandmother duet, entitled "Faith is My Refuge," we were privileged to have as a speaker, Mrs. Orpha Kling.

Refreshments were served in the lower auditorium. The table decorations further carried out the fashion idea with gaily dressed dolls peering into mirrors mounted on miniature steps and flanked by ferns in tiny urns.

—Mrs. Margaret Oliver



## LOOKING TO JESUS . . . IN MEXICO

By Mrs. A. L. Howard

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Psalm 5:3

**KEEP** **L**  **KING** **UP**



"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness." These wise words are from a prayer of David. In just ten words David reveals the entire secret of being satisfied.

How many times have you said: "I'm just not quite satisfied"? Maybe you had just finished a term paper, or were about to buy a new dress, or were making an important decision; but for some reason you just weren't satisfied. What an uncomfortable feeling! How dissatisfaction takes the joy out of life!

David knew that the secret of satisfaction lies within the righteous heart—the heart that is *right with God* and *honest with self*.

This is truly a secret. It is possible that in your whole life you may only meet a few people to whom God has revealed this secret. My husband is a satisfied person. To him the great hope of awaking on that resurrection morning in the likeness of our Lord fills every action and decision of his life.

It is interesting to know our God reveals His secrets to those of every race, and to those of every social, cultural, and intellectual level.

One such person is a dear Mexican believer from our church in Mexicali. The daily activities for her family of nine children and husband

begin at 5:30 a.m. At 6:00 the eighteen-year-old leaves for normal school (junior college). The next teen-ager leaves for secondary school at 7:30, and by 9:00 four more children have been sent clean and fed to school. All these will begin arriving home for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Then comes a real lull in the day until 5:00 when two other teenagers go to high school.

How could a mother be satisfied with this kind of a life, especially when you consider the washing, ironing, and cleaning for eleven people? The secret lies within the righteous heart that is fixed on the joy of awakening with those we love in the likeness of the One who so loved us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This fine Christian mother knows satisfaction is a *daily* reality. She is the president of our WMC. One daughter is the SMM president, and a son is the BYF president. Another daughter teaches a child evangelism class in the patio each week. What a fine family investment for the Lord.

Girls, be especially thankful that satisfaction comes from within. There are many external things to disturb us.

Remember that last new hair style you tried? Or that skirt your Gram made? It was a darling pattern but—oh, the color! Remember that

real nice fellow at school who just wouldn't even notice you? Then the crowning disappointment—that poor grade on the test you studied hard for? Now you just can't be satisfied when things like this happen. And you are right! If, you are not a Christian, you can't be satisfied.

You should know Modesta. She accepted the Lord in the Mexican church about five years ago. "Mode" is twenty years old. She has had about one and a half years of training in the institute. She works occasionally in a department store, takes her turn teaching Sunday school in the primary department, helps with vacation Bible school and serves as a camp counselor.

You are saying you know dozens of girls like this. Well, let's see. To do all these things when you are a Mexican girl takes real courage and dedication to the Lord, but when you are only forty inches tall, you must have more than courage and dedication, you must have *satisfaction*. Satisfaction so deep and so sure that you can live each day in the joy of awakening in the likeness of Christ.

*Do you want to see how SMM began? Be present at the first SMM session of national conference—fiftieth anniversary.*



# A Story of Success

By Mrs. Harry Barndt

It was a cool, but lovely, sunny morning at Mundys Corner where 298 SMM girls and patronesses met in the Pike Brethren Church to have their East district spring rally.

The "Little Sister" group from Leamersville Grace Brethren Church gave the morning devotions.

One of the older girls played a piano solo, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer." Listening to the music and recalling the message of this beautiful hymn, the girls couldn't help but feel that "special nearness to God" engulf the entire atmosphere. Each, convinced of the Lord's presence, knew He would shower her with His blessings.

The program theme was "Keep Looking Up," and many of the messages emphasized prayer. The

skits presented by the girls and their patronesses gave one an appetite for new zest and enthusiasm to "let your light shine for Christ."

During the business session and election of district officers in the main assembly, the Little Sisters went to the lower auditorium and enjoyed a devotional program suitable to their own age. Plans are being made for them to have their own rallies next year. Praise the Lord for these blessings and growing signs.

Then came the moment that everyone had been awaiting with great anxiety—the presentation of our "Furniturama" project award. The district project was \$1,000 to be used to buy bedroom furniture for the new girls' dorm at Grace College.

Much prayer and labor of love

had been offered toward the project. Would it be the Lord's will that we reach our goal? The district treasurer read the following statistics: Project total to date, \$960.94 with some of the SMM groups with offerings not in yet. The award for giving the most money toward the project went to the Leamersville SMM. Thank God for answered prayer, the privilege of helping others, and for those willing to give and serve the Master!

Mrs. Ted Fairchild presented the "Challenge for the Day," which had a tremendous spiritual impact upon every heart.

Remembering the abundant blessings and sweet Christian fellowship we shared and enjoyed, we could once again return to our homes, armed with more proof and truths of God's goodness and love.

*Meet our missionaries personally at the SMM session when they speak on a panel discussion at the fiftieth anniversary program at the national SMM conference.*

## Reporting!

**GARDENA, CALIF.**—Stuffed animals went to the Navajo children from the SMM of the Grace Brethren Church. The Junior SMM gave bars of decorated sweetheart soap to their secret mothers at a circus party held for the middler SMM and the mothers of both groups.

**TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.**—The newly organized SMM group, a combined Little Sisters and Junior group, now has nine members, for which the WMC ladies have made uniforms. In their missionary treasure chest, they have put soap dogs, picture plaques, and covered hangers.

**MEYERSDALE, PA.**—The Junior and Senior SMM girls of the Summit Mills Brethren Church sponsored an alumni banquet, com-

memorating the fiftieth anniversary of the national SMM. Invitations were sent to all former SMM girls and patronesses. There were fifty-three present. Mrs. William Snell was the speaker, and in the program were the first patroness, Mrs. Frank E. Witt, and the first president, Ella Mae Miller.

**DAYTON, OHIO** — Twenty-eight of the Grace Brethren combined SMM groups attended the District birthday rally, gave the devotions, and won the first prize on the April birthday table. Their theme was fifty years of service, serv-

ing God and doing His will. The prize money will go toward camp equipment.

**SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT**—Their annual birthday rally was held on April 19 at the North Riverdale Church with 140 present. They received \$46.40 for the project offering and \$38 for the district general fund. Their project is equipment for the district youth camp.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.**—The Middler girls took a Saturday trip to the Fairfax Jewish district, and held a meeting at the Button's home.

### Suggested Program for August

#### Bible Study:

"Keep Looking Up . . . in Satisfaction"

Junior—Miss Gail Jones

Middler—Mrs. Glenn Baker

Senior—Mrs. Donald E. Cale

Memory Verse:

Psalms 17:15

#### Mission Study:

"Looking to Jesus . . . in Mexico"

Mrs. A. L. Howard

Emblem:

Trump of God

*An airplane—your picture—real excitement at the SMM-WMC Tea at the fiftieth anniversary conference, Winona Lake, Indiana.*

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## FIFTY YEARS OF SMM

Don't miss this *important—big—happy—wonderful—joyous* celebration of the fiftieth anniversary at the National SMM conference, Winona Lake, Indiana.

A "golden souvenir program" will be given to each SMM girl attending conference.

All alumni of SMM are invited to attend the sessions, but *you* are special guests at the SMM—WMC tea, August 15, 3:30 p.m.

### SMM

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that *you* and each SMM girl will know real joy, not just temporary happiness, in the daily life.

2. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Howard and their three children, John, Kathryn, and Thomas, as they preach the Gospel in Mexico.

3. Thank God for His provision of salvation, for the assurance of a satisfied life which is potentially ours, and for the glorious future in this life and in eternity which is ours.

*Just 30 more days until the 74th Annual Conference*

## National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

AUGUST 12-18, 1963

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA



Some of the Sunday-school "champs" of a former year.

*Sunday and Monday, August 11 and 12*

### 11th Annual Sunday School Convention

*Sponsored by the National Sunday School Board*

Pastors, teachers, and workers will find here the keys to a more successful Sunday school! Speakers for these two special days include Dr. Edward Simpson, Dr. Frances Simpson, Dr. Clate Risley, and Dr. Dean Dalton. Every Brethren Sunday school should be represented at this convention!

*August 11-18*

### Brethren Youth Conference

*Sponsored by the Brethren Youth Council*


Teens from across the country will be gathering for another great Youth Conference . . . and the excitement runs especially high during the National Achievement Competition! Leaders and special speakers include Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, Rev. Forrest Jackson, and Ken Sanders.

**July 13, 1963**





# CHURCH NEWS

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**SIDNEY, IND.** A successful Vacation Bible School was held in the Sidney Brethren Church, A. Rollin Sandy, pastor, during June 10-21 with an average attendance of 72 students in addition to the teachers and helpers. The offering for the ten-day school amounted to \$53.52, which was given for the purpose of buying automobile tires for the work on foreign fields. Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy spoke, as did Simon-Pierre Nambozouina with Miss Elizabeth Tyson as interpreter.

**JEFFERSON CENTER, PA.** Fred Shuss tendered his resignation as pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alderman of the Grace Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23. John Aeby, pastor.

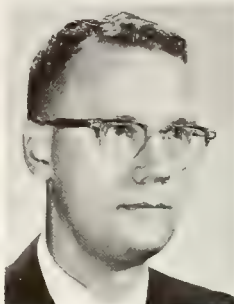
**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** Alan Schlatter was the guest speaker at First Brethren Church on June 23, and Dave Seifert, a senior at Grace College, presented the special music. These young men are ministering to Brethren churches this summer under the sponsorship of the Brethren Board of Evangelism. Wesley Haller is pastor.

**ELKHART, IND.** Alan McGill, popular singer of Christian music, presented a sacred musical concert at Grace Brethren Church on July 1, Gordon Bracker, is pastor.

**LA VERNE, CALIF.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Haines of First Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary during June. Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig, Brethren missionaries to Brazil, were guest speakers on June 16. Elias White, pastor.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Congratulations to Mrs. Spicer, a member of the Third Brethren Church, who celebrated her eightieth birthday in June 1963. Robert Kern, pastor.

**BERNE, IND.** Kenneth Russell, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church was ordained to the Christian ministry June 30. Dr. Russell Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, gave the ordination message. Other Brethren ministers who took



Rev. Kenneth Russell

part in the service were: Rev. George Cone, Sr., Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., Dr. James Boyer, and Rev. Mark Malles. Brother Russell graduated from Grace College in 1958 and Grace Theological Seminary in 1962.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, G. Forrest Jackson, pastor, had an average Sunday-school attendance of 336 during the month of May. This is the highest average attendance recorded for the past five years. Pastor Jackson was baccalaureate speaker at the Roosevelt High School (enrollment of about 2,000 students) on June 2. There were about 1500 persons present for the service.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Rev. and Mrs. Francis Brill announce the arrival of a baby boy, Paul David, born on June 9 and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Brother Brill is pastor of the Riverside Brethren Church.

**INGLEWOOD, CALIF.** Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wedertz from the Breth-

ren Navajo Mission Station at Counselor's Post, N. Mex., gave a thrilling report of their mission work to the First Brethren Church on June 16, Richard DeArmey, pastor.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The annual "Wedding Bells Service" was conducted at First Brethren Church. Kenneth Ashman, pastor, on June 23.

**BERNE, IND.** A father's day program at Bethel Brethren Church included the invitation for father's to come to the front of the church to select a necktie from a rack of ties. Thirteen believers were baptized by the pastor, Kenneth Russell in the evening service on June 16.

**INGLEWOOD, CALIF.** Mr. Jim Bergthold accepted the call of the First Brethren Church to become minister of music and youth. His new duties began in late June. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Emmons, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, June 4.

**UNIONTOWN, PA.** Floyd Ankerberg, former director of the Eastern Region of YFC and now full-time evangelist, was guest speaker at First Brethren Church on June 2. True Hunt is pastor.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Dr. Charles W. Mayes, pastor of First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., spoke on "The Certain Doom of Russia" at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church on June 16. Archie Lynn, pastor.

**NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.** Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, first

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Miles Taber, Ashland, Ohio  
Max Fluke, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Fredrick Fogle, France  
E. John Gillis, Seal Beach, Calif.  
Raymond Gingrich, Longview, Tex.  
Vernon Harris, Akron, Ohio



African pastor from our Brethren mission field in the Central African Republic to set foot on American soil, was the guest speaker at Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church on June 12. Robert D. Whited is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Sam Horney, superintendent of the Brethren Spanish-American Missions in New Mexico, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church here June 2. Wm. H. Schaffer is pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. George Johnson, on their first furlough as missionaries to Brazil, were the special evening speakers at the Grace Brethren Church, June 23. R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. On June 23, Dr. Charles Ashman, of West Covina, Calif., and father of Mrs. Hammers, was the guest speaker at the morning worship service. Thomas Hammers, pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Robert D. Crees, pastor of the First Brethren Church and president of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company board of trustees, underwent major surgery recently at the Chambersburg (Pa.) Hospital.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. There were two decisions for Christ on June 16, and ten were baptized and received into membership of the Grace Brethren Church. Lyle Marvin, pastor.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT. The Schlatter-Siefert evangelistic team of the Board of Evangelism, report that they have had 62 decisions in this area thus far. Six were first-time decisions, and the others rededications and other various decisions. They will be in this area until July 22.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Dr. R. E. Gingrich, dean of LeTourneau College, Longview, Tex., and the college trio, ministered at the First Brethren Church June 30. Richard P. DeArmey, pastor.

BEAVER CITY, NEBR. Rev. and Mrs. Dayton Cundiff announce the arrival of Minnie Marlene on June 26. The new occupant at the parsonage weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.



HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding the weekend of June 9. Dr. and Mrs. Homer Kent, Sr., of Grace Seminary and College, Winona Lake, Ind., and the Washington Bible College quartet ministered in the special services. Twenty-five years ago there were only 53 persons in Sunday school, but by June 2, 1963 the attendance had skyrocketed to 466. Growth in attendance has been matched with increased accommodations. On Sept. 27, 1942, a large brick tabernacle-style building was dedicated. A roomy four-story educational building was next on the expansion program, and was dedicated in 1951. The last of the building programs to date was completed and dedicated Sept. 16, 1962. The building pictured above is the newly remodeled church with an added vestibule and other features which gives it an entirely "new look." The present pastor, Warren E. Tamkin, completed six years of ministry in the church this past June.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Ginger Ann Morgan and Steven L. Zellers, May 24, First Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Barbara Smith and Robert Shank, June 8, First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.

Julie Sakich and Robert Combs, June 22, First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio.

Mary Popp and Roger Wackler, June 1963, Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio.

Marjorie Joanne Moomaw and Charles R. Buriff, June 30, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Jeanne Opel and James Salton, June 15, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Alice Lasiter and Arthur Earl McCrum, June 14, 1963, Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind.

Dorothy Engelberth, and Rev. Dale Hostetler, assistant pastor of Cheyenne First Brethren Church,

June 22, at the First Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ind.

Janet Firestone and Larry Deffenbaugh, June 22, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Teresa Chewning and Earl Hunt, June 16, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Joan Graff and Donald Clucas, June 15, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Judy Sweet and Wendell England, June 22, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Linda Oettel and Dale Crisp, June 15, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Carol Toirac and Carroll Denton, June 15, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

Janet Hammers and Harold Minnix, June 29, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

LaDonna Jo Smith and William Malles, June 29, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Barbara Parker and Lonnie Harper, May 4, First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.



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that are efficiently  
organized . . . well-planned  
and executed programs.  
But first and last,  
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# WE WOULD SEE JESUS



By Rev. Tom Julien  
Missionary, France

In many places from pastor and people alike, the story is the same. The spirituality of the churches is at a low level.

The evidences are plainly visible. Attendance has fallen, particularly in evening services, prayer meetings, and during the warm seasons when Christians find the lakeside more inviting than God's house. Giving is decreasing, or at best, just holding its own, in spite of widespread prosperity. Christian service is neglected by too many Christians—where are the faithful who will visit the needy, work with the boys' club, or serve steadfastly in an unwanted church task?

To remedy this situation we turn to all the little tricks we know with varying success, such as contests and campaigns, charts and certificates. There is a renewed emphasis on tithing, prompted—is it possible—more from a desire to pay our bills than to teach the joys of giving. There are diverse forms of pressuring to push unwilling people into unwelcome positions.

Yet, can it be that we are only dealing with the symptoms of our problem, rather than the problem itself, thereby worsening the situation? And in so doing, can it be that we are sinking into a new form of legalism which ill befits those of us who take pride in prefixing the names of our churches with the word "Grace"?

The story has been often repeated of a church having financial difficulties. After an eloquent appeal for funds, the pastor found only the usual offering. But along with the dimes and quarters was a scrap of paper upon which these words were written: "Sir, we would see Jesus."

*We would see Jesus!* Perhaps much of our effort to make people faithful, prompted though it be from worthy motives, is actually obscuring the One who makes faithfulness a reality. Do people go from our churches with a renewed love for their Master? If not, we should not be surprised if they fail to meet our expectations.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Why do people go to church?

Many of the things that the church offers can be found elsewhere—in clubs and service organizations. Only in the church, however—the gathering together of the saints of God—is the promised presence of Jesus.

When I go to church, I want to see Jesus. Not that His presence cannot be felt elsewhere, but in a special way He is there in communion with His followers. I am interested in seeing fellow Christians and in hearing a message from God's Word, but most of all, I want to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him.

I have been in some churches where I have wondered whether anyone was conscious of their Master's presence. I felt more like a spectator at a performance than a worshiper.

Some will come to the services to help us break an attendance record, or win a contest, but those who continue to come are those who see Jesus.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

One of the paradoxes in today's church is this: never before were Christians so prosperous, and never before have financial needs been so pressing. There is seemingly money for everything except God's work.

Because of this, the common reaction has been to increasingly emphasize the Christian's duty to tithe. When the worshiper enters his church, he is greeted by posters, bulletin inserts, and other reminders that he owes a tenth of his income to God.

Tithing is a divine principle of giving. The Word plainly shows that in all ages the faithful have laid aside their firstfruits for God. Though tithing is the divine principle of giving; however it is not the divine *persuasive*. And when tithing is used to pressure unwilling Christians to give because we have financial needs that are not being met, this is legalism, pure and simple.

We are stewards. All that we are and have belongs to God, not just ten percent. Why is this true? Because He has purchased us, He who was

rich became poor. We give, and freely because we love Him. When Paul asks the Corinthians to give he says: "I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love." Giving from other motives is unworthy of our Lord.

Giving because we love is giving which knows no limits—it is not measured in dollars and cents. Many are the Marys in our churches who would gladly break their alabaster vessels and pour out their costly perfumes upon their Saviour if their hearts were filled with love.

Most Christians *know* they ought to tithe. Few *love* their Lord enough to do so. They must see Jesus.

"And when they saw him, they worshipped him . . . and Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore . . ."

Nearly all of Christian service is summarized in the words of the Great Commission. Here is the command to go, to evangelize, to baptize, to teach all that our Lord has taught us.

It is therefore significant that such a weighty pronouncement should be preceded by these words: "They worshipped him." Only those who worship are willing or even worthy to give themselves in service for Him. To those are given this promise: "Lo, I am with you."

Why is it that Christians are more willing to sit by their TV set than to join in the visitation program? Why are so few willing to interrupt their lives enough to teach a Sunday-school class, or to serve as a church officer? Perhaps it is because so few have learned to worship Him.

Those who keep His commandments are those who love—it is as simple as that. Christianity is not a conformity to a set of rules, it is a life in which the risen Christ replaces self. It is the love of Christ that impels us—He died that they who live should not henceforth live unto themselves.

Let us have churches that are efficiently organized. Let us have well-planned and executed programs. Let us teach God's people their Christian duties. But first and last, let them see Jesus.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**McCONAHAY, Mrs. Margaret**, was promoted to her rich reward on May 28. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

Richard DeArney, pastor

**BERKEY, Ora. A.**, 73, was promoted to his heavenly home on June 15. He was a deacon in the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Gordon Bracker, pastor

**WATSON, Mrs. Zella E.**, 81, former member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, and recently living in California, was ushered into the presence of her Lord on June 13. Lyle Marvin, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church,

San Jose, Calif., officiated at the funeral.

**MYERS, Floyd E.**, 72, went to be with his Lord on June 3. He was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Kenneth Russell, pastor

**ZOAHT, Nick**, went to be with the Lord on May 16. He was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Russell Konves, pastor

**MILES, Miss Roberta**, 21, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa., went to be with the Lord on May 3 as a result of an automobile accident.

Shimer Darr, pastor

**OLSON, Charles**, was ushered into the presence of his Lord on June 10. He was a member of First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

James Sweeton, pastor



## THE NEW BIRTH

By Herman A. Hoyt, Th.D.

President, Grace Seminary and Grace College

Regularly priced at \$2.50. *The New Birth* is a popular treatment of the third chapter of John. There is no more important Scriptural passage than that dealing with the personal salvation of man, and Dr. Hoyt has expounded upon this Scripture concerning the new birth. This is an excellent book for every believer, new and old.

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# Praise and Prayer

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## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His hand of blessing upon the Missionary Herald Company, and for the lives that have been touched by the various forms in which the printed Word goes forth.

PRAY that the recent issues of the magazine will be used of the Holy Spirit to meet the needs of our readers.

PRAY for the decisions to be made by the Missionary Herald board of trustees, which will meet during August 8-9 in Winona Lake, Indiana.

## EVANGELISM

PRAY definitely for our new summer team that is now on the field: Allen Schlatter and Dave Seifert.

PRAY for Ron Thompson who is already scheduled into 1965. He pleads for God's anointing to win souls.

PRAY for Bob Collitt who is having great blessing in his meetings. He asks for prayer in every letter.

PRAISE God for 500 decisions made this season in Bob Collitt's meetings, for the interest that is being shown among college men in evangelism.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the summer ministries of both faculty and students.

PRAY especially for our Public Relations director, Dean Arnold Kriegbaum, as he makes contacts for the school this summer.

PRAY that student's of the Lord's own choosing may be led to come to Grace Seminary and Grace College this fall.

PRAY for continued progress on the Girl's Dormitory and general dining hall that it may be occupied at the earliest possible time.

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAISE God for another new home-mission church dedicated on June 30, at Toppenish, Washington.

PRAY for the itineration work of our missionaries to the Jews, Brother and Sister Button, which will be continuing on to about September 1.

PRAY for the completion of building plans of the Lancaster (Pa.) church, and for the construction crew to build this new building.

PRAY for the annual board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council which will be starting on August 5, 1963.

PRAY for the effective use of home-missions materials being provided the churches to use in presenting the need of Brethren Home Missions during the offering season.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that important decisions to be made by the Board may be directed by the will of God.

PRAY that the Sunday School Convention August 11 and 12 may inspire workers for days that are ahead.

PRAY for the fall enlargement campaign which is in the planning stages at the local church level.

PRAY for continued financial support for the Sunday School Board that its work will not be hampered.

## SMM

PRAY that each girl will be a good testimony for her Saviour during the summer months.

PRAY for the newly elected local officers.

PRAY for the girls as they go to district camps.

## WMC

PRAY for the unsaved husbands of several of our WMC ladies.

PRAY for the many WMC meet-

ings which will take place at National Conference that each decision made will be according to His perfect will.

PRAY for renewed zeal among our ladies that a real urgency to "redeem the time" might prevail.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for our National Youth Conference and its effectiveness in reaching our teen-agers for Christ.

PRAY for Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, our Bible hour speaker, that his ministry might be used of the Lord.

PRAY for decisions that are made in our summer camps throughout the districts of our Brethren church, that these young people may not forget the vows they have made to the Lord.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the Bible study class recently begun at Waimalu, Hawaii, and for the new people who are attending.

PRAY for the Austin Robbins family recently returned from Africa as they begin deputation among the churches.

PRAISE the Lord for His blessings on the work in Puerto Rico, and for those who have been saved and are awaiting baptism.

PRAY for the new testimony in Ciudad General Belgrano, new Buenos Aires, and for the Jim Marshalls as they work there.

PRAISE God for the vision of the believers at Capanema, Brazil, in beginning two new testimonies. Pray for these.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for the conference laymen's sessions, that they will prove to be a real blessing.

PRAISE the Lord for laymen who are willing to shoulder responsibility in the local church.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PRAY for the moderator as he gives his address that it shall prove a challenge to each one of us present.

PRAY for each speaker at the various sessions of conference.

PRAY for safety of travel for each one who goes to conference.

# When H-Bombs Fall

By Clay Cooper

HISTORY IS hardly kind enough to allow us the speculative question: "To Be or Not To Be." The cherished hope that the frightfulness of nuclear weapons will prevent their use is poorly founded. When in the past has the awesomeness of man's destructive devices totally eliminated their use? Sooner or later a provocation arises calling for the application of each new devastating contrivance.

It is almost too good to be true to expect that history will not repeat itself. There can be little, if any, reasonable doubt that one day an order will be given to the one who uses a weapon to activate an H-Bomb for release "on target." Nations reckon with this possibly twenty-four hours of every day.

Recoil as we may at the prospect of thermo-nuclear catastrophe, no highly-positioned person has yet dared affirm, "It *can't* happen." Since it *can* happen, it probably will, man's penchant for war being what it is.

Chaos from an exchange of H-Bombs, even on a minimal scale, will be colossal. This poses the necessity for realistic thinking. If we are fortunate, we may have as much

as fifteen minutes between warning and impact in which to prepare to meet our God in peace. The time factor will be decided largely by the distance from the launching site to the destruction area. The grace period could be shortened to mere seconds if the missiles are put up from lurking submarines nearby.

It may provide slight consolation to contemplate that we die but once; also that there are certainly more insufferable ways of being dispatched from this world into the next. If mode were the only consideration, sudden incineration in the holocaust might even be preferred by many. Alas, there are overshadowing issues.

Most persons on the night side of the world will be caught asleep. They will awaken in eternity. This is a sobering thought. Only those on the day side may be favored with enough time to say a penitential prayer.

Most of us hope for an amicable relationship with our Maker in our final moments on earth, even if we have not known or deserved it before, and almost innately do we expect there will be "eleventh hour" grace extended in which to mend our ways. But when H-Bombs fall,

there will be no reprieves. Millions will likely die right where they are, and as they are, without absolution, baptism, or even time to cry: "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

The fiery mushroom will be impartial. Both Christians and non-Christians will be *cremated equal*. For the Redeemed, like Elijah we will be caught up into heaven. Far from creating gloom, tomorrow's outlook only provides incentive for more ardent discipleship today. Then, sudden death, sudden glory.

Alas and alack for the unsaved masses! Consternation and dread will become immeasurable. May the courteous reader determine to be not numbered among them; and, he can, and may, so resolve. While guaranteeing no immunity from the violence of a nuclear cataclysm, personal acceptance of Christ does vouchsafe spiritual survival, come what may. To insure this there is but one course we must all pursue to be infallibly safe, come H-Bombs or no. It is this: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house . . . For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation . . . For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE" (Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:10; John 3:16).

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# Youth Page

Compiled by Dave

Hocking, National

Youth Director

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## WHY DO TEENS QUIT CHURCH

Here is a breakdown of what the 331 dropouts had to say about their Sunday-school classes. As to the teachers; here are the reasons for dislike given by the teenagers:

- "Not prepared, didn't know subject."
- "I just didn't like him (her)."
- "Didn't keep class orderly."
- "Criticized dancing and so on."
- "Criticized other religions."
- "Taught only do's and don'ts."
- "Holier than thou attitude."
- "Didn't miss me when I was absent."
- "Not interested in me or my problems."

Many of these could be avoided. The responsibility lies with the adult leader, whether it be Sunday-school, training hour, prayer meeting, boys club, girls club, or whatever. In some of the objections, there needs to be careful evaluation, for the statement may not indicate a fault in the teacher, but rather a rebellious attitude in the teen-ager.

As to the lessons taught, here is what they said:

- "Uninteresting, unrelated to life."
- "Under heads, juvenile."

- "Didn't get anything."
- "All lecture, no discussion."
- "Questions not answered."
- "Over heads."

Do these objections sound familiar? Perhaps we need to do some serious checking-up on the way we are reaching our young people.

What can churches do to improve their ministry to young people? Once again the voice of the 331 dropouts is very interesting.

19 percent—more participation and service opportunities.

17.6 percent—better adult leaders—

1. Who understand youth.
2. Have an interest in youth.
3. Will spend time with youth.

16.6 percent—improve various aspects of the church program.

13.9 percent—adults in church be interested in young people—

1. Interested in and love them.
2. Consistent lives
3. Don't talk down to them.

9.4 percent—improve the youth meetings.

8.5 percent—more Bible study and better Sunday school.

8.5 percent—better sermons, church services.

It is probably trite to say it, but here goes: "The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow." Many will probably say (with tongue in cheek) that these 331 dropouts must come from modernistic, cold, formal churches. Such is not the case. The majority of these dropouts come from gospel-preaching churches of which forty-three were contacted in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. May God help us to reach our young people for Christ and the church to bring them to conversion and commitment before it is too late!



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*Denver Brethren  
Review a Decade of Progress*



# EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

## Seeing Without Sight

A Keynote address of vital importance to the blind was delivered by Dr. Allen B. Du Mont at the Third International Television Symposium in Montreaux, Switzerland. The progress of electronics may soon provide a marvelous miracle in enabling the blind to see. The possibility may soon become a reality that the television system of the future will bypass the human eye, send electronic impulses to the brain, and enable the blind to actually see television pictures.

Scientists have known for a long time that chemical elements in the body produce electronic currents which control a large part, if not all, of the brain's reactions. When the problems of determination of the exact frequencies have been solved, it is possible that the blind may see pictures even more accurately than those who have defective eyesight. Defects of the eyes, such as short- and far-sightedness, color blindness, and so forth present distorted pictures of varying degrees. These could be bypassed in presenting an accurate, undistorted, electronic color picture to the human brain.

Thus the alert church may with a small investment provide a unique ministry for the blind. A small TV camera and transmitter with accompanying headphones could be set up on a local closed circuit and actually provide a televised program of the full church services to those who are not able to see. The blind would be enabled to sit in the service, participate in the song service, and enjoy every spiritual benefit of the Lord's Day services.

The common mode of television is now being used on a limited closed circuit basis in some churches to care for over-crowded conditions, transmission to nurseries, and other remote sections of the church edifice. Some are video taping the service for release to the homes of the aged and confined.

The evangelical churches of this day must be alert

to the new miracles of science to aid in the propagation of the Gospel. This writer knows of one rapidly growing church which has set a goal to eradicate every legitimate excuse for folks not attending services. A bus service for those lacking transportation, an ambulance service for the invalids, wheelchairs for the crippled, amplified phone system for the hard of hearing, an interpreter for the deaf, airconditioning, proper amplification of sound, and an active, moving program of the best talent available is being used to get the pure Gospel to the hearts of their congregation each week. Worthwhile? The church has grown from 150 in regular attendance in 1947 to over 3,000 regular attendance each Lord's Day. Very seldom does a regular preaching service go by without souls being saved.

The Brethren Church has been a conservative church traditionally. We are known as a Bible-believing church with the old-fashioned Gospel program. We are not licensed to be backward about legitimate new methods and procedures. The lateness of the hour, the nearness of the coming of our Saviour, and the condition of America's people dictates an alert program geared to the salvation of the lost, the proper training of the saved for testimony and service, all of this to be accomplished under the direction and control of the Holy Spirit and for the glory of God.

## The Brethren Missionary Herald Ministry

Our *Missionary Herald* magazine provides a unique ministry to our church. Its medium carries the news of churches, mission fields, and individuals. It proclaims the glorious message of the Word, stimulating, urging, and enlightening our people. Through the printed page many are now being reached who forego the privilege of fellowship because of confinement, age, living in remote areas, and so on. Pray for this ministry, pray for the gospel tracts, the Sunday-school literature, and every publication that leaves our Herald building.

This ministry deserves your loyal support during the current offering season. Keep the flow of evangelical literature moving with a good and generous offering this year to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. ▼

## COVER PHOTO



The Brethren Home Missions Council presents the Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colorado, to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches as another self-supporting church.

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## ***Congratulations Denver Brethren!***

January 1, 1963 the Denver (Colo.) Grace Brethren Church became self-supporting. A special week of celebration recently marked this milestone in a long series of spiritual and material victories in this church.

From a very small beginning numerically this church has grown to a Sunday school of 150 to 175 and now has a membership of over one hundred. God has given some unusual blessings to this church through the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Inman. Faithful members and friends have given leadership and generous financial assistance. Financially the church is sound and caring for its obligations.

The Denver brethren deserve the

congratulations and commendations of all Brethren churches.

This was our first Brethren church in the greater Denver area. Now, through some brethren people from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and also from Denver and the teaching ministry of Pastor Inman a new Brethren church has begun in northwest Denver (Arvada). Pastor and Mrs. Edward Mensinger are leading this church and supporting themselves through other work.

Again we have an illustration of the fact that Brethren people are effectively expanding the church through Brethren home missions.

We thank God for people who are willing to pioneer and develop these new churches. ▼



L. L. Grubb, secretary, Brethren Home Missions Council

## ***Reviewing a Decade in Denver***

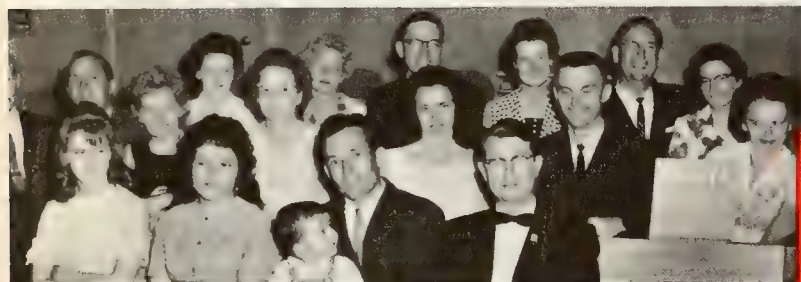
*By Pastor Thomas Inman*



The Inman family, left to right: Lyn Nelle, Geneva, Laurel, Thomas, Bryce, and Patty Jo.

NOT A WHIRLWIND nor chariots of fire, but a '41 Pontiac brought us three Inmans (Patty Jo was not yet one-year-old) to Denver on July 1, 1953. But, then, we were not Elijahs either! Just fresh from seminary and a month of Bible schools at Taos, New Mexico, with the Brethren Spanish-American Mission there and ready to conquer the world for Christ. When we arrived we found five adults, a semifinished building (the upper floor was still studding and rafters), and five determined adults prepared to aid us with the wide-open mission field in Denver. Missionaries Sam Horney, Wayne Croker, and Lowell Hoyt had labored before us in Bible classes in the homes and church meetings in lodge halls, school buildings, and "what have you" before the church building was ready for use in May of that year. The closest family lived eight miles from the church! But God was here—even if we weren't Elijahs!





"Where angels fear to tread," the congregation went to work with vim and a vision. Every service grew; souls were saved. For a full year each Tuesday evening, the men of the church built on the upper floor and the ladies provided the evening meal so that by August 1955 the sanctuary was complete. That same month we journeyed with hundreds of other Brethren to Portland and National Conference where we experienced with others the thrilling revival and received the first loving cup awarded for attendance increase by the National Sunday School Board. Thus God had given us growth—many found Christ as Saviour; some assurance and some, just good solid spiritual growth. Many of these have put their "shoulders to the wheel" in the work here with us.

The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc. was a faithful "right hand" through these years, giving guidance and financial aid through which the impossible became possible. Thousands of dollars were given and loaned to us by thousands of Brethren across America. We say "thank you!" Our local giving kept pace:







### OUR GIFTS

1953	...\$2,806	1958	... 8,321
1954	... 5,073	1959	... 8,992
1955	... 5,690	1960	...10,867
1956	... 7,272	1961	...14,028
1957	... 8,107	1962	...15,850

### OUR GROWTH

1953 1963

Membership	.....26	83
Hour of Power	..10	40
Evening Vespers	..23	70
Morning Worship	.32	141
Sunday School	....42	167
Mission Giving	\$313.51	\$2,231.30

Other highlights through the years have been: The dedication of our completed building during the Thanksgiving weekend of 1955. Dr. Paul Bauman was our guest speaker and also directed my ordination to the Christian ministry. Matching piano and organ were gifts in later years. And . . . in October of 1960, a Bible study was begun near Golden as an outreach for the Midwest District. The class began with Sunday afternoon services in a Grange hall near Arvada, Colorado, in May of 1962 and made the transition into Arvada and into an organized church under the direction of Pastor Edward Mingsinger and his wife, Linda, who

Left, counterclockwise: "Mighty Finers," Nick Montoya, teacher; "Thirty-niners," Don Smith, teacher; "Pairs and Spares," Harold Andres, teacher; high school, Margie Young, teacher; junior hi, Dan Klassen, teacher; sixth grade, Cecil Snodgrass, teacher; fifth grade, Maurine Armitage, teacher; fourth grade, Mary Davis, teacher; third grade, Nellie Reed, teacher; kindergarten, Betty La Mont, teacher; second grade, Evelyn Havens, teacher; first grade, Dorothy Hall, teacher; and preschool, Dixie Schadle, teacher.







Cradle roll: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gandy, assistants and Geneva Inman, superintendent. Tiny tots: Sharon Stanley, Assistant superintendent (Berneita Snodgrass, supt., not shown).

arrived on the field in June of 1962. Hosting the National Conference at Estes Park, Colorado in August of 1961 made 1961 an outstanding year for us.

In January of this year, we let go of our "right hand," the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., and began to "walk alone." The success of this step was emphasized during our "Celebration Days," June 23 through 30, when in dual celebration we rejoiced in ten years of testimony on the corner of Exposition and South Federal Boulevard in southwest Denver. Such was the beginning as a home-mission point and ending as a self-supporting church and ten years of ministry by the Inman family at the Denver Grace Brethren Church. The church and the pastor "grew up" together! Dr. L. L. Grubb, executive secretary of the B.H.M.C., brought the opening challenge to the 142 present in the morning worship service. The eve-

ning witnessed an impressive musical-mission pageant produced by our seven auxiliaries of the church. Tuesday night a "celebration" communion brought a spiritual "family feel" to the week. Family fellowship came into full bloom on Wednesday evening with a Family Fun Nite complete with family games, ol'-fashioned visitin', skit, and plenty of homemade ice cream. One-hundred sixty folk attended a banquet honoring this pastor and his family on Friday evening, and the church family presented us with several fine gifts including a maple rocking chair to get the pastor to "slow down!" The final Sunday in "Celebration Days" included my tenth anniversary challenge and a "This Is Your Life" program presented by our youth department during the evening vesper time.

God has been so good to us . . . pastor and people alike! ▼

## Thanks Minute-Men

The Grace Brethren Church of Denver, Colorado was helped to get started by the Brethren Minute-Men. In fact, it was among the first of the Minute-Man appeals to be preceded only by the Navajo work and Johnson City, Tennessee. With Denver now going self-supporting, this makes a total of six self-supporting churches that Brethren Minute-Men's gifts helped to start. These churches are Johnson City, Tennessee; York, Pennsylvania; Findlay, Ohio; Phoenix, Arizona; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Denver, Colorado. These six churches over a period of twelve years means every other year a Minute-Man-assisted church goes self-supporting. Thanks Minute-Men for your help in presenting this self-supporting church to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches through Brethren Home Missions.

## NOTICE

### CORPORATION MEMBERS

The 1963 Annual Corporation meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated and the Brethren Investment Foundation, Incorporated, Winona Lake, Indiana, will be held on Wednesday a.m., August 14, 1963, in the Winona Lake Christian Assembly Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana.





# ISRAEL CALLS!



## Preaching the Whole Word

By Bruce L. Button

"For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). There is a need to preach the *whole* Word in Bible-believing churches if the Jew is to be reached with the Gospel of salvation. This is particularly true of The Brethren Church, for we as a people of the Lord are very conscious of the need of our Jewish friends in this area. We are so conscious of this we have established a denominational mission effort in the largest Jewish community west of Manhattan, the Fairfax district of the city of Los Angeles in California. It is well that this has been done.

One of the distinctions claimed by the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is the preaching of the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible. This statement appears on our church bulletins and bulletin boards. This is a worthy aspiration. I am certain such preaching is honored of God and ultimately results in the salvation of souls. I personally thank and praise God for the Brethren presentation of the Bible, for it led to the salvation of my loved ones and myself. Certainly as to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ and God's way of salvation, our churches do an excellent job. But in the area of preaching the *whole* Bible, we can all stand some correction.

This has been forcibly brought to my attention by the very nature of the Lord's work in which I find myself; that is, the field of Jewish Missions. As I have listened to pastors and teachers, I have found most of them fail to declare "all the counsel of God" in matters pertaining to the Jew and the Lord Jesus.

First, we seem to be preaching half-truths about our Jewish friends.

This we may be doing through thoughtlessness or perhaps unknowingly; nevertheless we still do such preaching. I have heard it preached that the Jews killed their prophets; they rejected and killed their Messiah; they killed Stephen; they persecuted the early believers and apostles, killing many of them. In other words, our preaching and our literature tells only the bad actions of a group of people we designate as "the Jews." Now these accounts are true, but unless we present the "good side" of the Jewish picture, we tell only a half-truth. When have you heard it stressed that it was the *Jews* who looked for the coming of the Anointed of God, the Messiah; that it was *Jews* who associated with Him and loved Him while He was here on earth; that it was *Jews* who listened to His gracious words and watched His godly actions (and later made a written record of what they heard and saw); that His mother was a Jewish maiden; that *Jewish* shepherds visited Him and praised and glorified God for the things they saw and heard; that a *Jew*, Simeon, took Him in his arms and blessed God for Him; that Anna, a *Jewess*, was the first to recognize Him as redemption; that *Jews* were the first to believe on Him; that the *Jew*, Stephen, was the first to die for the testimony of Him; that the apostles were *Jews*; that *Jews* were the first believers; that the first missionaries to the gentiles were *Jews*!

Now you will say all this has been proclaimed time and again. While this may be true, I contend it *never has been rightly stressed* that all these who so regarded Jesus as Lord and Saviour were of *Jewish descent*. In fact, we tend to think of these as "Christian" and not as "Jew-

ish Christians." Some even think of them as gentile when they were not gentile in any respect. This is where our preaching is faulty. This is where our teaching fails. The matter of the Jewishness of these who walked and talked and believed and trusted the Lord Jesus must be emphasized if we are to declare *all* the counsel of God!

There is another area wherein we fail. It has to do with the crucifixion of Jesus, the Messiah. I shudder as each Easter season approaches, for I know that within the framework of the resurrection story mention will be made of the crucifixion of the Lord. Because of preaching half-truths the Jews and the Jews alone will be held up before the world at large as the people who were responsible for the act. Now the Bible is very careful to tell the whole story of this shameful act. The Bible is also very careful to set forth wherein men were to blame. Jewish blame is set forth in Mark 14:53 to 65. Gentile blame is set forth in Mark 15:1 to 20. As these two accounts are compared it is impossible to find any deviation in the treatment Jesus received at the hands of the Jews and the gentiles. There is one exception! It is in favor of the Jews. Pilate *knew* Jesus was an innocent victim of the hatred of certain of the Jewish leaders. He says this three times! And yet in the face of this he consents to the death of Jesus and condemns Him to the cross. Had this *gentile* governor so desired from the human standpoint, he could have saved the Lord from that death. But he was more interested in his own personal welfare, and to free Jesus would be to endanger his governorship. Thus he hands Him over to his *gentile* soldiers, and they in turn crown Him with thorns, mock Him, thrust a reed in His hand, spit upon Him—and these were *gentiles* who acted like this. They knew Jesus to be innocent!

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A Question  
You May Have  
Asked

*Does It Pay  
To Start  
Brethren Home  
Mission Churches?*

By L. L. Grubb



"Yes," say Mr. and Mrs. Walter Signer of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (Read this brief account and you will know why.)

Not many people have been faithful church members as long as they were without finding peace and salvation in Christ. Mrs. Signer was a member of a Protestant church for fifty years without learning how to have her sins forgiven through Christ. Mr. Signer, who was married to Mrs. Signer in later life after the death of her first husband, belonged to the Roman Catholic Church for seventy-five years while searching for spiritual heart satisfaction, but always went away from the Mass empty.

As we interviewed these people we again learned how damaging and deluding, cold and powerless religion can be. Said Mrs. Signer: "I went to church because I thought it was my duty. I attended practically every service and walked miles in all kinds

of weather to do so." Mr. Signer's purpose 'was the same. "I was trying to please God by attending church regularly." Both were absolutely sincere in their religious allegiance to the church. At the same time both testified that there was "something," some inner feeling, a sense of insecurity, and a heart hunger that was not satisfied.

A Christian daughter was deeply concerned about her loved ones. After becoming a member of our new home-mission church in Margate, Florida, this concern intensified. She and her husband and other enlisted prayer warriors in the church prayed for the salvation of the Signer's. One day in a telephone conversation with her mother she said: "Moms, if you drop dead today, would you be saved?" Even though the word "saved" was not familiar to Mother, the question shocked her into deep spiritual reflection. Other questions began to come, no doubt dictated by the Holy Spirit. "Am I really going to heaven?" "Is my relationship to God really right?" "Has all of my church going been enough to satisfy God?" (Her daughter had expressed serious doubts about her salvation.) With an earnest prayer that God would save her loved ones, the daughter encouraged her mother and father to attend the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale, which was not far from their home. Mother promised to go but said: "I don't know about Dad, you know he has been a Catholic all his life, and I am not sure that he will go." But, unknown to either of them, the Holy Spirit was doing some deep moving and convicting in Dad's heart also.

Four times these spiritually starved souls attended services and listened to the clear gospel message. Said Mrs. Signer: "I had made up my mind that in that fourth service at the invitation I was going forward and nothing would stop me. I had not talked to my husband about it, and I really did not expect him to come with me. As I took a couple of steps down the aisle, I heard a noise behind me. Looking around I saw Dad following with tears in his eyes. Together the pastor took our confessions and we were wonderfully saved."

In relating their feelings to us, Mrs. Signer said: "It was a great shock to both of us to realize that we were really not saved, but that with all of our faithfulness to the church we were still on our way to hell. It is wonderful to know how to do now what I should have done fifty years ago. How we do thank God for churches like Grace Brethren, and for pastors and people who have enough interest even in unsaved church members to lead them to Christ. I at sixty-four and my husband at seventy-six years of age have for the first time known real peace and joy in our hearts in the knowledge that our sins are forgiven. I felt as if the whole world was lifted off my shoulders. If only somebody had told us long ago. Now I am so hungry to know more about the Bible and to help others spiritually."

Communion service was scheduled for one week following their public confession. They asked the pastor: "May we come?" "You may if you love Jesus; do you?" "We will be there," came the answer. For the first time, as a former Roman Catholic, Mr. Signer took the cup. As he did tears of joy streamed down his cheeks. At the end of the service he said to the pastor: "I wish Father O'Looney could see me now!" ▼

(Editor's note) The Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Rev. Ralph Colburn, pastor, is a former Brethren home-mission church, built through the gifts of Brethren people and now self-supporting for four years with a Sunday school averaging 545 in April 1963. This church has now become a "Mother" church and the Brethren Home Missions Council is assisting her in the development of two new churches in the Pompano Beach area. The first in Margate, Florida, is ready to begin construction of a new church building and has a Sunday school approaching one hundred. The other in North Pompano Beach had its first service in a store building April 28 with thirty-two present. Families given by the Mother church constituted a large share of the basic nucleus in both cases. While the Mother church is building one addition after the other to increase its own facilities, it has assumed a very large share of the financial support of two new churches; this in view of the fact that there is still approximately a \$42,000 debt on the Grace Brethren Church building. Both the Margate church, where the daughter of Mrs. Signer attends, and the "old" church where the Signer's received the Gospel and were saved, were used by God to win this spectacular victory.

DOES IT PAY TO ESTABLISH NEW BRETHREN CHURCHES?

## Israel Calls

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The God of heaven recorded a statement relative to the Jewish mind, which we would do well to consider at this time. It is located in Acts 3, verses 15 and 17. Peter, speaking of the crucifixion, has this to say relative to Jewish responsibility: "And [you] killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses, and now, brethren, I wot that *through ignorance* ye did it, as did also your rulers."

Regardless of what else may be said, Jewish participation was because of ignorance. I realize they were responsible for such ignorance. I realize ignorance is a poor excuse—if an excuse at all. But at least they did it in ignorance. This should mean something as we deal with the crucifixion story, especially when God's Word states the gentiles were not ignorant of the innocence of the Lord.


What we need is a pattern to follow as we preach the truth of the crucifixion story and of the rest of the Word of God. The God of heaven has given us such a pattern. It is in Acts 4:23-27: "And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen [gentiles] rage, and the people imagine vain things? The Kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, *both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel*, were gathered together."

All were responsible. All facts should be preached.

I am not asking that we soften our preaching on any point, but I am asking that we preach the whole Word when it comes to points such as this. And such preaching will reach the heart of the Jew. ▼



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**INGLEWOOD, CALIF.** The members of the First Brethren Church held a reception after the evening service on July 7 for Rev. and Mrs. R. P. DeArney to help them celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. An appropriate gift was given to them.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** The new address of Rev. and Mrs. Glen E. Crabb is 1215 California Avenue.

**RITTMAN, OHIO.** David Brown of the First Brethren Church was chosen as one of the best campers at the Christian Service Brigade camp the last week of June. This honor entitles him to attend another Brigade camp in New York the last week of August. Charles Turner, pastor.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** A city-wide Key-to-Life Crusade will be held here from Aug. 25 through Sept. 8, with John E. Haggai as the evangelist. Rev. John M. Aeby and several members of the Grace Brethren Church are on various commitments to make the arrangements for the campaign.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Rev. J. Paul Dowdy was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church in Waterloo, Iowa, July 7, and was the missionary speaker at the Iowa district youth camp, which began July 7. On June 30 he was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church in Lansing, Mich., where J. Ward Tressler is pastor.

**JENNERS, PA.** The Jenners Brethren Church and Rev. Kenneth Wilt were hosts to the Allegheny district conference July 1-3. Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio, was the Bible Hour speaker; Dr. Russell Barnard gave the Foreign Missionary Society challenge; Rev.

Ralph Hall presented home mission work; and Rev. Charles Koontz represented the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

**ROANOKE, VA.** The Rev. James Comstock, president of the Shenandoah Bible College, was the guest speaker at the Washington Heights Brethren Church, June 30 and July 7. Wendell E. Kent, pastor.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bearer of the First Brethren Church left June 24 for France where Charles will be stationed with the U.S. Armed Forces. Charles is a licensed minister and also plans to work with our missionaries in France. C. W. Mayes, pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Dr. Alva J. McClain, president emeritus of Grace Seminary and College, underwent serious surgery on July 8 at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind. He is recovering satisfactorily.

**LEON, IOWA.** The Iowa district conference members who met here June 28 and 29 have accepted the invitation of the First Brethren Church at Dallas Center to meet there June 26, 27, 1964. Cleve Miller of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo was the moderator.

**HARTFORD, CONN.** Rev. Wm. Samarin, member of the Long Beach (Calif.) First Brethren Church and professor of linguistics at Hartford Seminary Foundation, is at present in Mali, Africa where he is working in cooperation with Dr. Robert Lauback as linguistic consultant for the Maliam Government.

**NOTICE:** The Brethren Missionary Herald has produced a baptismal certificate especially for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Trine immersion is specified on the attractive two-color certificate. It is printed on high quality parchment stock which will retain its whiteness and durability for years. The certificates are bound in books of 50, and the price is \$1.50 per book. A sample of the certificate has been mailed to each pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Miss

Becky Kent, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Jr, of Grace Seminary and College, and Mr. Ben Zimmerman, treasurer of the National Laymen's Fellowship, recently underwent major surgery at Murphy Medical Center. Mrs. Don Wardell, office secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, recently underwent major surgery at the Hinsdale (Ill.) Hospital.

**BROOKVILLE, OHIO.** The Bryan College Gospel Messengers presented a sacred musical program at the evening service at the Grace Brethren Church on June 30. Clair Brickel, pastor.

**ASHLAND, OHIO.** Dr. Floyd Taber was the guest speaker at the morning service at the Grace Brethren Church June 30. He and Mrs. Taber are on their way back to Africa for another term of service. Miles Taber, pastor.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** Word has come to the Herald Company that Rev. John Burns, pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church is making progress in his recovery. He has been able to lead the singing in prayer meeting, and the last two Sundays in June he led the singing in both morning and evening services. He is also working on a message, which he hopes to give in the near future.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The John Brown University choral group provided the special music for the morning service at the Winona Lake Brethren Church on July 7. Miss Lova Hood, a member of this church, is also a member of the group. They participated in the Youth for Christ

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Emlyn Jones, San Bernardino, Calif.

Wendell Kent, Roanoke, Va.  
Robert Kern, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Edmund Leech, Hawaii  
Edward Lewis, Palmyra, Pa.  
James Marshall, Argentina



convention from July 7 through 14. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Rev. A. D. Cashman, 248 E. Artesia Apt. 2, Long Beach 5, Calif.

HARRAH, WASH. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Austin, missionary candidates to Argentina, were guests July 7 of the Harrah Brethren Church. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Danny Eshelman, senior at Grace Seminary was the guest speaker at both services on June 30 at the Calvary Brethren Church. Pastor Jack K. Peters and family were away on vacation.

ALTO, MICH. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina was a recent speaker at the Calvary Brethren Church. Dr. O. D. Jobson was interpreter. Charles A. Flowers, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The schedule for Simon-Pierre Nambozouina for July and the first Sunday in August was as follows: Ankenytown First Brethren and Mansfield Grace Brethren, July 14; Elkhart Grace Brethren July 19, and Trotwood Grace Brethren July 21 p.m. with Miss Elizabeth Tyson as interpreter. For Barberton and Cleveland Grace Brethren churches July 28; and Fort Wayne First in the morning and Grace in the evening Aug. 4 with Dr. O. D. Jobson as interpreter.

DAYTON, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Long who celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary July 7. They are members of the First Brethren Church.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Rev. Kenneth Ashman reports that the First Brethren Church had a successful two-week Vacation Bible School. There were 159 pupils and a staff of forty. The daily average attendance was 181. There were 23 decisions for Christ. At the closing commencement exercises there were 380 pupils, friends, and parents present. The total offerings for the school were \$406 with \$134 being designated for missionary transportation in Hawaii and France.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church held their

annual Fourth of July picnic at Hager Park. Warren Tamkin, pastor.

LANSING, MICH. Rev. J. Ward Tressler of Grace Brethren Church reports that a missionary fair was held at Woodland High School gym for the Michigan District. All of our seven foreign fields were represented. Each booth had a ten-minute program and refreshments representative of the respective field.

LA VERNE, CALIF. The First Brethren Church held a potluck supper July 2 to wish their pastor, Dr. Elias White "Happy Flying." He left this month for a trip to Israel.

RINER, VA. The Grace Brethren Church held a successful revival meeting from June 9-16. Rev. Dewey Weaver, Jr., was the evangelist. There were ten first-time decisions and five rededications, and the attendance was outstanding. Charles C. Hall, pastor.

GRANDVIEW, WASH. Pastor George R. Christie of the First Brethren Church reports a successful Daily Vacation Bible School which concluded June 28. There were 78 in attendance and the offering for the Argentina radio ministry was \$142.28. On June 30 two decisions for baptism were made when Dr. L. L. Grubb spoke in the evening, three people made decisions for rededication. The goal for the Austin fund of \$100 was surpassed, and the building fund of \$300 per month for the first six months of this year was met.

LANSING, MICH. Richard Sellers, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind., and his family were guests at the Grace Brethren Church June 30. Brother Sellers was the guest speaker at the morning service. He was a

## *In Memoriam*

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

GEORGE Willis Lown, a faithful member for more than fifty years of the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, went to be with the Lord June 15.

—Robert D. Whited, pastor

## NOTICE

The Annual Corporation meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company will be held Tuesday morning Aug. 13 in the Auditorium of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. All members are urged to be present.

former pastor of this church. Following the service a potluck dinner was held in honor of the Sellers family. J. Ward Tressler is pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The Harbor Lights quartet of Battle Creek, Mich. ministered in music at the First Brethren Church June 30. Wesley Haller is pastor. He reports that work is progressing on the new Sunday-school addition.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Prof. Herbert Bess of Grace Seminary and College was the guest speaker at both services July 7 at the First Brethren Church. Mark E. Malles, pastor.

SPECIAL. All Brethren people living in the vicinity of Fort Myers, Florida who are interested in the establishment of a Grace Brethren Church in that area, are asked to get in touch with Bernard N. Schneider, P. O. Box 2009, Fort Myers, Florida.

## *Wedding Bells*

A six month's free subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Donna Butler and Ronald McKinney, June 29, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Amelia Armstrong and Benjamin Peterson, June 29, First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

Marjorie Britenbucher and Robert Criss, June 29, Keen and Budd Streets Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.



# Publication Offering Report

## GIFTS TO THE BRETHERN MISSIONARY HERALD

January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962

	1960	1961	1962
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	5.00		
Akron, Ohio (First)	114.98	11.00	70.00
Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	113.50	30.00	20.00
Albany, Oreg.	15.05	12.00	20.00
Aleppo, Pa.	4.00	34.50	39.50
Alexandria, Va.	206.47	98.25	48.50
Allentown, Pa.	76.28	70.05	91.40
Alto, Mich.	17.20		14.00
Altoona, Pa. (First)	134.75	219.25	155.87
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	25.50	36.30	55.60
Anaheim, Calif.		5.00	5.00
Ankenytown, Ohio	82.50	58.00	30.00
Artesia, Calif.	23.64	24.00	
Ashland, Ohio	262.00	250.00	351.75
Barbee Lake, Ind.	1.00	10.00	
Barberton, Ohio	7.00	6.00	37.40
Beaumont, Calif.	166.00	123.00	37.00
Beaver City, Nebr.	10.00	5.00	42.50
Bell, Calif.	7.50	12.50	17.12
Bellflower, Calif.		52.00	47.50
Berne, Ind.	132.50	106.00	212.00
Berrien Springs, Mich.			5.00
Brookville, Ohio			12.25
Buena Vista, Va.	115.60	251.70	264.30
Camden, Ohio	21.00	21.00	10.10
Canton, Ohio	171.25	166.00	165.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa		10.00	114.00
Cheyenne, Wyo.		100.00	
Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Prospect)			14.00
Chico, Calif.	5.00	17.50	30.00
Clay City, Ind.	10.00	26.00	46.00
Clayhole, Ky.		47.80	
Clayton, Ohio	112.00	126.00	118.50
Cleveland, Ohio	58.10	18.63	31.21
Compton, Calif.	147.55	48.02	195.51
Conemaugh, Pa.			28.25
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	20.00	50.76	40.00
Covington, Ohio	5.00		
Covington, Va.	138.00	113.75	159.89
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	178.50	230.45	145.00
Dallas Center, Iowa	265.00	212.00	157.00
Danville, Ohio	22.00	11.00	72.00
Davenport, Iowa		29.00	12.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	429.10	467.50	432.50
Dayton, Ohio (Grace)	7.00	2.00	31.90
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	305.00	90.00	253.26
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)			13.00
Denver, Colo.	35.76		5.00
Elkhart, Ind.	65.00	42.00	121.60
Elyria, Ohio	10.00		
Englewood, Ohio	535.53	267.92	372.62
Everett, Pa.	2.00	28.88	52.00
Fillmore, Calif.	48.00	43.00	61.00
Findlay, Ohio		139.50	90.00
Flora, Ind.	31.00	48.00	123.25
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	430.95	442.10	175.25
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	819.74	842.55	878.95
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	51.40	54.39	76.79
Fremont, Ohio			
Galion, Ohio			
Gardena, Calif.			
Garwin, Iowa			
Glendale, Calif.			
Goshen, Ind.			
Grafton, W. Va.			
Grandview, Wash.			
Grand Rapids, Mich.			
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)			
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay Street)			
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)			
Harrah, Wash.			
Harrisburg, Pa.			
Hastings, Mich.			
Hatboro, Pa.			
Hollidaysburg, Pa.			
Hollins, Va.			
Homerville, Ohio			
Hopewell, Pa.			
Inglewood, Calif.			
Jackson, Mich.			
Jenners, Pa.			
Johnson City, Tenn.			
Johnstown, Pa. (First)			
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)			
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)			
Kettering, Ohio			
Kittanning, Pa. (First)			
Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo)			
Kokomo, Ind.			
Lake Odessa, Mich.			
Lancaster, Pa.			
Lansing, Mich.			
La Verne, Calif.			
Leamersville, Pa.			
Leesburg, Ind.			
Leon, Iowa			
Limestone, Tenn.			
Listie, Pa.			
Long Beach, Calif. (First)			
Long Beach, Calif. (North)			
Los Altos, Calif.			
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)			
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)			
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)			
Martinsburg, Pa.			
Martinsburg, W. Va.			
Meyersdale, Pa.			
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mill)			
Middlebranch, Ohio			
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)			
Modesto, Calif. (Community)			
Montclair, Calif.			
Nappanee, Ind.			
Needham Heights, Mass.			
New Troy, Mich.			
North English, Iowa (Calvary)			
North English, Iowa (Pleasant)			
Norwalk, Calif.			
Osceola, Ind.			
Ozark, Mich.			
Palmyra, Pa.			
Paramount, Calif.			
Parkersburg, W. Va.			

1961	1962		1960	1961	1962
437.73	432.25	Peru, Ind. ....	42.25	43.50	22.00
5.00	14.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (First) .....	242.35	273.50	195.50
5.00	6.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) .....	53.00	50.00	96.00
10.00	22.50	Phoenix, Ariz. ....	93.00	66.00	33.00
93.86	109.00	Pompano Beach, Fla. ....	27.25	7.00	
12.83		Portis, Kans. ....	60.50	66.50	143.50
33.00	17.00	Portland, Oreg. ....		14.00	124.18
51.15	89.25	Puerto Rico .....	5.00	5.00	5.00
5.00	14.88	Radford, Va. ....	15.00		24.00
322.02	351.92	Rialto, Calif. ....	67.53	53.25	65.42
59.90	59.01	Rittman, Ohio .....	289.50	314.00	345.60
302.09	292.35	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) .....	126.00	142.75	127.00
126.10	139.18	Roanoke, Va. (Garden City) .....	5.00		
26.97		Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) .....	261.50	195.25	301.25
	5.00	Roanoke, Va. (Washington Hgts.) .....	103.55	64.00	
33.56	16.00	Sacramento, Calif. ....		10.00	30.00
5.00	15.00	San Bernardino, Calif. ....	7.00		
	15.50	San Diego, Calif. ....	5.00		
146.29	132.05	San Jose, Calif. ....	5.00	17.45	1.18
	10.00	Seal Beach, Calif. ....	5.00	5.00	10.00
5.00	300.00	Seattle, Wash. ....		5.00	
	14.00	Sidney, Ind. ....	140.50	77.05	134.50
203.64	347.67	Singer Hill, Pa. ....	5.00	10.00	31.00
	11.00	South Bend, Ind. ....	60.60	66.16	101.00
516.70	644.34	South Gate, Calif. ....	40.00	252.95	75.98
15.00	14.50	South Pasadena, Calif. ....	24.67	41.50	25.00
		Spokane, Wash. ....	62.25	5.00	104.90
29.33	115.22	Sterling, Ohio .....	35.00	31.00	47.50
301.67	478.64	Stoystown, Pa. (Reading) .....	16.45	36.70	12.10
45.77	22.31	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	241.00	301.50	206.00
14.25	23.00	Taos, N. Mex. ....	51.58	73.89	60.86
121.35	188.50	Temple City, Calif. ....	43.35	32.00	42.10
5.00	97.23	Toppenish, Wash. ....	4.50	19.00	11.00
23.15	8.00	Tracy, Calif. ....	5.00		10.00
	10.00	Trotwood, Ohio .....	13.00	12.00	27.00
78.50	121.25	Troy, Ohio .....	22.50		47.50
63.90	57.95	Uniontown, Pa. ....	159.57	251.56	213.71
6.50	13.00	Vandalia, Ohio .....		43.00	100.00
7.10	15.00	Virginia Beach, Va. ....	29.00		
263.03	377.26	Warsaw, Ind. ....	106.45	85.60	60.00
619.55	866.33	Washington, D. C. (First) .....	171.75	839.62	122.25
119.00	30.69	Washington, D. C. (Grace) .....			67.61
	7.50	Washington, Pa. ....	10.00	53.00	55.50
	37.50	Waterloo, Iowa .....	191.00	171.00	191.50
400.00	341.50	Waynesboro, Pa. ....	205.00	287.18	209.50
72.00	76.40	West Covina, Calif. ....	10.00		
187.57	205.25	Westminster, Calif. ....			7.00
234.50	269.25	Wheaton, Ill. ....	23.00	23.00	12.00
152.10	135.25	Whittier, Calif. (First) .....	35.35	35.00	241.48
55.56	31.19	Whittier, Calif. (Community) .....	2.00		39.00
185.00	155.00	Winchester, Va. ....	51.50	415.20	486.27
16.00	57.61	Winona, Minn. ....		2.00	
	5.00	Winona Lake, Ind. ....	1,149.24	968.26	1,280.80
5.00	7.00	Wooster, Ohio .....	29.00	342.25	218.00
		Yakima, Wash. ....		17.66	10.42
		York, Pa. ....		126.25	76.15
100.00	150.50	Allegheny District .....			10.00
	28.45	Michigan District .....		10.00	
	11.00	Northern Atlantic District .....	25.00		
224.05	178.85	National Laymen .....	25.00	25.00	25.00
306.00	24.00	National WMC .....	564.58		
72.00	32.95	Navajo Mission .....		5.00	
290.85	348.40	Isolated, Non-Brethren, etc. ....	111.50	263.11	176.56
244.02	225.55				
	9.00	Total .....	16,274.24	18,018.53	19,499.02



# A NEW VISION

By Rev. Robert E. A. Miller

Pastor, First Brethren Church, Glendale, California

Is there any vision among us to encompass the inner city vacuum of our fast-changing metropolitan areas?

The other day I picked up the *Los Angeles Times* and read: "That uproar you hear is the world in revolution—an upheaval that is concentrated in the cities where the church, if it is to have any effect, had better become revolutionary, too."

Why is it that we have not seized these golden moments of grand opportunity? Even the so-called "liberals" today are recognizing their blatant failure to achieve the desired goal. One of their spokesman recently admitted: "When you see church after church closed in the inner city, God is saying to that church: 'You were not the church anyway. You were a club. You had no appeal for the people about you.'"

Surprisingly enough to us, he went on to set out three areas to examine carefully for correction.

The first thing is to return to the Bible. "We are the most Biblically

illiterate generation this country probably has ever seen. We simply don't know what our faith is."

"Second, we have to come to a new understanding of the nature and mission of the church. We have too many people in the church for the wrong reason. Our major problem is how to get them out of the church and into the world."

Are there any Brethren churches in the National Fellowship where this same problem is a major one? What is the percentage of our people who go out and grapple with the lost souls of our communities?

Could it be that too many of us are quite satisfied with our personal pietism, our orthodoxy in faith, and have been too preoccupied with individual sentiment and private salvation to move into the role of servant—God's servant in a spiritually-impo-

verished society? Who are God's servants today? The Protestant Reformation revived the New Testament importance of the believer over against the division into

laity and clergy. But what has happened in spite of all our talk about the place and ministry of the laity?

In this area, we ministers and pastors have almost refused to let the laity be Christian. We have called on the sick—what right do we have to call on the sick? What right have we got to deprive the congregation from nurturing and loving one another? Why is it that one paid man is the one who can call and love—why is this not the task of the congregation?

Sunday morning we stand up there and give it out, but we never listen, when what we ought to get is a report. We should hear what God has done this week in the job, in the trade union, in business associations.

It is high time for Christian believers everywhere in our churches to launch out with the nonprofessional communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the tentmaking ministry of St. Paul. The great moments in the life of the church in history have been times when laymen working at ordinary jobs begin to communicate the Gospel to their brothers.

Tomorrow is too late. God loves the precious souls in the inner city. Christ died to redeem them. Since it is part of His mission, it must be ours too.

## My Building Blocks

The day was bright, but in my room  
I sat in retrospect and gloom  
Bemoaning failures, pain, and loss,  
The blighted hopes, my heavy cross.

In heaviness I sat and pined  
For some solution I might find.  
Though I should face them as a man,  
I chose instead a childish plan.

I took each heartache, fear, and knock,  
And with each one I formed a block  
And built a structure, wide and tall,  
But, oh, the words, "A Wailing Wall!"

A sudden tremor at the base  
Sent blocks a-tumbling 'round the place,  
But from the crash my soul was stirred.  
It was a still small voice I heard.

"O Child, 'tis faith both weak and small,  
That builds such barriers cruel and tall,  
Whose shadows fall across the way,  
And fill with gloom the brightest day."

I cried: "O Architect Divine,  
Take every block with them design  
And build it so that I may see  
The structure they were meant to be."

Each block began to fill a space;  
My heartaches even found a place,  
And, lo! before my startled eyes,  
A stairway mounting to the skies.

Then from its summit rang the Voice:  
"Lift up your head, behold, rejoice!  
Arise, ascend its lofty height,  
For I am also in the light."

By faith each step went 'neath my feet,  
Until I reached the Mercy Seat.  
He touched me with His loving hand  
And let me see the Promised Land.

I thank Thee, Lord, for pain and tears,  
For heartaches too, and doubts and fears,  
For in them I am made to see  
The value of eternity.

Louis Engle, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Ind.  
Member, Leesburg Brethren Church



# Laymen's Page

*The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen*

*Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman*

**LIMESTONE, TENN.** The newly-organized laymen's group of the Vernon Brethren Church was in charge of a recent Sunday morning worship service. Each layman in the group had a part in the service, and one of the men brought the morning message. The men of the Vernon Brethren Church and the Grace Brethren Church of Johnson City are jointly sponsoring a radio program each Sunday morning. Another joint project is the starting of a branch Sunday-school in an area near Johnson City.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** The men of the Grace Brethren Church are rejoicing in the blessing of the Lord upon their new laymen's group. Their first organizational meeting was held in March with twenty-one charter members present. It was a dinner meeting, and the men were challenged by the message of Mr. Herman Schumacher, a layman from the Osceola (Ind.) church. In April at their second meeting, Rev. Charles Dickinson of the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission spoke and showed a film on the purpose, work, and accomplishments of the Mission. Twenty-two men were present for the second meeting. The May meeting featured a program of musical talent from the church, and at their June gathering a film entitled "Christian Endeavor Combating Communism in Malaya" was shown to the group.



**PALMYRA, PA.** The Christian Service Brigade group of the Grace Brethren Church recently spent their first (and very wet) overnight camp in the woods of Sam Grubb, five miles from Hershey. Fishing in the large pond near the campsite was one of the highlights of the two days. Some of the fellows who went on the trip are pictured above. Left to right, they are: Larry Martin, Donald Hoffer, Paul Liskey, Richard Dubbs, Donald Shifflet, Bill Price, and Kenneth Maulfair. On the far right are two of the adult officers, Alvin Clawser and Marvin Hoffer. Approximately sixty boys meet each week at the church to participate in the Brigade program. (Photo by Allen Zook.)



**NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT.** The district laymen are shown above as they met during the district conference at the River Valley Ranch in Maryland. They met in the snack bar . . . my, how convenient in the event someone became hungry! (Photo by Allen Zook.)

**ATTEND  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
LAYMEN'S MEETINGS**

**8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, August 13 through  
Saturday, August 17**

**Rainbow Room, Westminster  
Hotel, Winona Lake**

**SPECIAL  
LAYMEN SPEAKERS**





# National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

August 12-18, 1963

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

## SEMINARY-COLLEGE DAY Thursday, August 15

The annual meeting of the Grace Theological Seminary Corporation will be held Thursday morning, August 15 in the Winona Lake Auditorium.





By President Herman A. Hoyt

GRACE SEMINARY

### *Decision of the Supreme Court*

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on Bible reading and prayer in the public schools has attracted wide interest. The far-reaching effects of this decision cannot be known now. The most that can be said now amounts to studied predictions. It may take a generation to reap the fruits of this decision. But we may be sure that the fruits will appear in due time.

One principal in one of the cases upon which the Supreme Court passed was Madalyn Murray, of Baltimore, Maryland. One paragraph from her own statement is enough to make one realize what this country may expect if this sort of person comes into a place of power.

"We find the Bible to be nauseating, historically inaccurate, replete with the ravings of madmen. We find God to be sadistic, brutal, and a representation of hatred, vengeance. We find the Lord's Prayer to be that muttered by worms groveling for meager existence in a traumatic, paranoid world."

Clear thinking men inside and outside the church have expressed grave concern that a minority, such as exhibited above, have at last got the ear of the Supreme Court and gained a victory over the great majority of people in this United States. The unfortunate situation lies in the fact that under the guise of protecting the religious interests of all this action was taken. The facts are "Atheism" is a religion, and now it rides high, and strong will be its effects as it insidiously undermines the thinking of all the children when they study the approved textbooks, and follow the direction of the vast majority of teachers. We are now sowing the wind, and may expect shortly to reap the whirlwind in the decline of morals in society.

### *Delinquency and Its Relation to Idleness*

One of the prominent juvenile judges of Southern California writes with soberness and concern for the present teen-age generation. It is his unhappy lot to hear the cases and pronounce the sentences upon an ever growing delinquent juvenile population. He traces the vast increase in crime among teen-agers to idleness. Var-

ious factors in the industrial world along with an exploding population have combined to reduce the number who are needed to do the work of the Nation. As a result this has not only thrown a host of the adult population out of work, but also the teen-age population as well. In spite of the fact that communities all over the Nation are trying to provide recreational activities to fill the idle time of these young people, this is not solving the problem. Idleness is thus becoming the Devil's workshop and producing a generation of criminals. The dignity of constructive enterprise and the self-esteem of making one's livelihood alone will solve this problem.

This searching article makes one think of Sodom and its moral decline. It became so bad that God could find only three people in its entire population He could save: Lot and his two daughters, and even they had the stench of sin upon them. The explanation for the deep-dyed sin of this city is to be traced in part to "fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness" (Ezek. 16:49).

### *Argument for a Christian College*

There is no question now that factors in industry are combining to reduce the laboring population. The machine age with its automation is making it possible to produce far more consumer goods, and all kinds of goods, with an amazing reduction in the labor force. This means that jobs are going to be restricted to heads of families, and even they face highly selective programs.

An education therefore is a vital solution to the growing problem of idleness among the unskilled. It will provide them with constructive activity during the days of preparation, and with profitable enablements when the school days are over. Better yet, preparation in a Christian atmosphere will go far to help them invent practical and holy uses for their time in case they must confront periods of idleness.

### *The Answer Is Squarely Before the Church*

Christian colleges do not live in a vacuum. Like every other institution, the Christian college lives in the world with all of its various factors pressing in upon it from every direction. One of those factors is the rising costs of operation. If these institutions are to long endure, there must be a new evaluation placed upon them by Christian people themselves. The Christian church in general and Christian parents in particular must begin to realize that unless they are willing to put the Christian education of their children at the top of the totem pole, from elementary education through college, these institutions are going to fail, and the children, if they get any education, will be forced to get it in a pagan environment.

Pagan environments will mold these lives by polluting the stream of their thinking, and this can have such far reaching effects as to liberalize and paganize the church. No area of responsibility is so important as the training of the young. The few within the church have been struggling with this problem, and they are losing the battle. There is need in every church, and most certainly within The Brethren Church, for a new awakening to the urgency of this matter. ▼



HOW DIRECT ARE REFERENCES

TO

# RUSSIA IN PROPHECY?



By S. Herbert Bess

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*GOG!*

*MAGOG!*

*TUBAL!*

Preachers on prophetic themes often announce sermons on the place of Russia in prophecy, and articles of a popular nature occur on the subject occasionally. Almost invariably Ezekiel 38 is appealed to as Scripture support for making Russia the direct subject of prophecy. To what degree and by what means the modern state of Russia can be read into the text of Ezekiel 38 is the concern of this brief article.

Those who find specific references to Russia in Ezekiel 38 generally do so in the following way: Gog is under-

stood to be the leader of a vast coalition of states or peoples collectively referred to as Magog (v. 2), and in the following context various member states are distinguished. The "chief prince" (v. 2), or, the "prince of Rosh" as the expression is translated in the American Standard Version, is asserted to be none other than a future dictator of Russia—Rosh being equated with Russia. Meshech and Tubal mentioned in the same verse are declared to be Moscow and Tobolsk, two of the principle cities of modern Russia. One city is said to represent the European part of the state, the other the Asiatic.

Other states of the coalition are identified and treated as satellites of Russia in future days. Gomer is equated with Germany and Togormah with Turkey (v. 6), while Cush and Put are declared to be regions somewhere in Mesopotamia (v. 5). Persia, of course, is too well known to require identification.

How well-founded are the foregoing identifications? The reader should be warned that a number of these equations are simply "folk-etymologies"; that is, the identifications are made merely on the basis that the names sound somewhat similar. They are not established by sound procedures in language study.

It so happens that several of these place names are familiar from ancient literature dating from the times of Ezekiel or before. The cuneiform records of Assyrian kings are especially helpful in locating some of the places or peoples to which Ezekiel refers. Meshech, for instance, is properly equated with the land called Mushki in Assyrian records. King Tiglath-pileser I, whose reign began about 1112 B.C., was the first of them to mention Mushki. He related that the Mushki people had mustered an army of 20,000 men in the north. Tukulti-Ninurta II and Ashur-nasir-pal II, both of them kings in the ninth century, B.C., also had contact with the Mushki. However, the great King Sargon (about 721-705, B.C.) referred most often to them. He fought them on his northwest frontier and subjected them to tribute. This country should be located generally in east central Asia Minor.

Tubal appears in the Assyrian in-

scriptions as Tabal. Shalmaneser II (11th century, B.C.) and Tiglath-pileser II (10th century, B.C.) both imposed tribute on Tabal. Sargon recorded that he captured, in addition to several other regions, "Tabal as far as the land of Mushki." He later described in detail how he subjugated the prince of Tabal. At an earlier date he had given his daughter in marriage to the prince, and had given the country of Cilicia as a dowry. Tabal (or Tubal) was located in the region of the Taurus mountains in eastern Asia Minor.

Gomer is likewise to be located in Asia Minor in the northeast. The Assyrians referred to the land as Gimir, and to the people as the Gim-



irrai. The Greek historians called them Cimmerians.

Togormah cannot be identified with so much certainty as the above-named places. Some scholars equate it with a place called Tegarama, later Tilgarimmu. It lay near the border of Tabal. Togormah, along with Meshech and Tubal, are said by Ezekiel to have been regular traders with the merchant city of Tyre (Ezek. 27:12-14).

No fully satisfactory identification of Rosh is yet available. Many identify Rosh with what the Assyrians called Rashu in Media; but this is not fully convincing to the present writer. Cush and Put can be equated

with African place names (Ethiopia and Lybia), but that leaves the problem of how they could be included in a northern confederacy.

Ezekiel 38 clearly speaks of peoples and places contemporary with the prophet himself, most of them, at least, located to the north of Palestine on the periphery of the then-known world. Since this is true, we might ask how these references relate to the future.

There is no doubt that Ezekiel 38 is predictive of the future. The whole tenor of the chapter relates it to the end of our age, and verses 8 and 16 specifically refer to the latter years. The events of this prediction will transpire after Israel has been restored to her own land out of the nations, and has attained the feeling of a certain amount of security (vv. 8-12). The central event is a great military invasion of Palestine stemming from the north (v. 15). There shall ensue on the soil of Israel a tremendous battle in which the carnage shall be unprecedented (chap. 39).

Ezekiel has referred to a great military confederation of the future in the terms of ancient historical place names. Such a practice is not out of character with the Bible elsewhere. In the Book of the Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, a great religious and political power of the future is referred to under the term Babylon, a state which perished centuries ago. Likewise Assyria, though it ceased to exist at the end of the seventh century, B.C., is referred to as having an important role in the future at the end of our age (Isa. 10:5-23; esp. v. 17). A mighty military power of the end time is thereby spoken of under the name of the greatest military power in Isaiah's day.

Ezekiel's method was the same. A colossal power of the end-time, located in the north, was predicted by the prophet under names of states existing in the northern extremities of the then-known world. It may well be that Russia will play a very large part in the fulfillment of that prediction; the world situation would lead us to expect it, but neither Russia nor any other modern European state is referred to by name in Ezekiel 38. ▼



# JOSHUA'S LONG DAY

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It is generally agreed among Bible students that one of the most fascinating, and yet perplexing, miracles of the Old Testament is the one which took place at the Battle of Gibeon as recorded in Joshua 10. After marching from Gilgal all night, Joshua and his men were challenged by a great South Palestine confederacy of Canaanite armies which had just attacked the city of Gibeon for surrendering to the Israelites. Joshua inflicted a crushing defeat upon them in his first encounter, and the Canaanites fled to the west. More of them were killed by God's hailstones than by Israelite swords.

It was at this crucial moment, with the Canaanite armies streaming down the Valley of Aijalon in headlong flight, that Joshua cried out in desperation: "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, moon, in the valley of Aijalon." The Scriptures go on to explain: "And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that Jehovah hearkened unto the voice of a man: for Jehovah fought for Israel" (Josh. 10:12-14, ASV).

## Various Views

Many and varied have been the

explanations offered by Christian scholars concerning the true nature of this miracle. Some have maintained that the poetic nature of the quotation from the Book of Jasher (vv. 12-15) precludes a literal interpretation of the words, and that the Israelites simply *thought* the day had been lengthened when God brought the sun and moon out from behind the storm clouds (v. 11) in answer to Joshua's prayer. This view, however, falls far short of the clear demands of the text.

Another view is that the day was supernaturally *darkened* so that Joshua and his men could maintain the element of surprise, and benefit also from the resulting coolness. This view has been supported by several interesting and impressive arguments in recently published Bible commentaries. However, the most common interpretation of the verbs translated "stand thou still," "stayed," and "to go down," calls for a lengthening, rather than a cessation, of sunlight and moonlight. Furthermore, darkness would seem to be of greater advantage to men seeking to escape and hide than to those who pursued them.

Assuming then that the traditional view of a *supernaturally lengthened*

*day* is the correct one, the question still remains as to how this was accomplished. Many believe that God stopped or slowed down the earth's rotation on its axis and stopped the moon's revolution around the earth. So-called scientific objections to such a miracle; namely, that the crust of the earth, the oceans, and the atmosphere would fly apart are quite irrelevant, for God certainly had the power to control *all* the materials and forces involved if He had chosen to answer Joshua's prayer in this way.

## A Miracle of Light Refraction

There is yet another explanation, however, which appears to be more consistent with the Biblical doctrine of miracles. This view maintains that the miracle of Joshua's long day was accomplished by a supernatural continuation of sunlight and moonlight in Palestine for "about a whole day" until Joshua's army could follow up its victory and completely destroy the enemy.

There are at least three Biblical arguments which may be presented in support of this view. In the first place, such a miracle of prolonged sunlight and moonlight would have been a completely sufficient answer to Joshua's need. It was *light*, rather than a slowing down of the earth's

rotation, that the Israelites needed at this crucial hour of their national history. The Bible teaches us that God does not unnecessarily multiply the miraculous. In the second place, when the flood ended, God promised to Noah that "while the earth remaineth . . . day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22). In other words, God promised that the earth would not cease rotating on its axis until the very end of human history.

### Hezekiah's Sundial

The third, and perhaps the most helpful, argument in support of this view is the fact that the Old Testament provides a remarkably clear parallel to the miracle of light refraction, which we believe occurred at the Battle of Gibeon. It is the miracle of the retreating shadow on Hezekiah's sundial (II Kings 20:11; Isa. 38:8). That this was one of the greatest exhibitions of God's power over the forces of nature in the Old Testament is recognized by all devout Bible students. But what is not so frequently recognized is that this was a *geographically localized miracle*, which did not involve the reversal of the earth's rotation on its axis and thus the retreating of shadows all over the Near East. In referring to this miracle, II Chronicles 32:24 states that Hezekiah "prayed unto Jehovah; and he spake unto him, and gave him a sign" (Hebrew: *mopheth*). But in verse 31, we are told that the Babylonians sent ambassadors to Hezekiah "to inquire of the wonder (*mopheth*) that was done *in the land*." Obviously, then, this miracle was one that occurred only "in the land" (of Judea); and, to be even more specific, it was only on Hezekiah's sundial that "the sun returneth ten steps" (Isa. 38:8).

God's complete control of the sun's light was certainly demonstrated at Hezekiah's sundial. But the supernatural continuation of sunlight over central and southern Palestine was for ten or fifteen hours after the sun itself had set was surely a unique and stupendous demonstration of His power! Indeed, "There was *no day like that before it or after it*, that Jehovah hearkened unto the voice of a man: for Jehovah fought for Israel" (Josh. 10:14). ▼

## GRATEFUL FOR GRACE SEMINARY



By Helen Olney  
1963 Graduate

**I** will ever be thankful to God for the teaching and training I have received at Grace Seminary.

It only takes one day of seminary to realize that it is a graduate school. Also it is not the easiest course for a girl to take, for many people think of seminary as only for men. I have been asked if I were preparing to be a woman preacher. I have had to quickly assure people that I do not believe in women preachers. But God wants Christian women to know His Word and be able to teach it to others. When God calls a person to a particular task in any situation, He also supplies the grace and strength for that person to accomplish the set course. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:24).

As I look back on the Bible teaching I received as a student in Grace Seminary, I can only praise the Lord. I also have greatly appreciated the emphasis placed on missions in this school. Since I am greatly interested in Christian day school work, I have enjoyed the Christian education courses and been glad for the importance placed on the Christian elementary school. As Brethren, I feel we should thank the Lord for raising up this school, and for giving such capable men to teach God's Holy Word to those who are called of God for Christian service.

I am very grateful to the profes-

sors of Grace Seminary for their dedication to the Lord, and for their faithful teaching of the Word of God.

I feel that my Christian life has been greatly strengthened, and that my ministry as a teacher in a Christian elementary school will be much more effective as a result of the training I have received at Grace. I am proud to be a graduate of Grace Seminary. I would quickly recommend Grace Seminary to any person who is looking for a fundamental, Bible-teaching seminary. ▼



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Begin two-day seminar at Philadelphia, Pa.

## FRI., JUNE 19—NEW YORK

Leave via Sabena Belgian World Airlines via Brussels to Rome.

## SAT., JUNE 20—ROME

"Get-to-know-you" dinner and a stroll to St. Peter's "in the moonlight."

## SUN., JUNE 21—ROME

Paul said: "I must see Rome."

3 to 6 p.m. See Rome from the Pincian Terrace, the Spanish Stairs, Piazza Venezia's Monuments, Roman Forum, Mamertime Prison, Basilica of St. Paul's, Holy Stairs, Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Pyramid of Caius Cestius, Catacomb of St. Sebastian on the Appian Way.

## MON., JUNE 22—ROME

Visit to Pantheon, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter. Afternoon, the flight across the Mediterranean to Africa, via Sudan Airways, to Cairo, queen city of the Nile. Hotel Cleopatra.

## TUES., JUNE 23—CAIRO

9 a.m., visit to old Cairo and the Coptic Church of Abu Sarga, associated with the visit of Jesus to Egypt; to Ben Ezra Synagogue, traditional site at Nile River where Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter.

3 p.m., to Republic Square, Sultan Nassan Mosque; to Saladin's Citadel for panorama of Cairo; Musky for souvenir shopping.

## WED., JUNE 24—CAIRO

9:30 a.m., full-day tour by motorcoach to Gezireh Island, Cairo University, along Nile Canals to Bedreshein Village; Memphis, first capital of ancient Egypt; see Sakkara's Step Pyramid of Zoser; Tomb of Tiy. Lunch at Mena House Hotel. Camel ride to the Pyramids and Sphinx. To Hotel Luxor.

## THURS., JUNE 25—LUXOR, KARNAK, THEBES

Early morning sail across Nile to Valley of the Kings to visit Tutankhamen's Tomb, Deir El Bahri, Ramesseum, Colossi of Memmon. Return to Luxor Temple and the statues of Ramases II.

3:30 p.m., visit to Karnak Temple. Dinner at hotel, evening return flight to Cairo. Transfer to Hotel Cleopatra.

## FRI., JUNE 26—CAIRO-BEIRUT

Depart hotel for airport for Horning. Arrive Beirut and Hotel Biarritz. 3:30 p.m., tour of Beirut's museum, American University viewed, and on to St. George's Bay area for shopping.

## SAT., JUNE 27—BEIRUT, DOG RIVER, BYBLOS

8:00 a.m., leave for drive along Phoenician Coast to Byblos, famous as a link in the evolution of our alphabet and its 12th century Crusader Castle.

## BEIRUT, SIDON, TYRE

2:00 p.m., depart along the Phoenician Coast to Sidon and the recent excavations at Tyre. Return at sunset.

## SUN., JUNE 28—BEIRUT, BAALBEK, DAMASCUS

Church service on veranda with view of the Sea and Phoenician Coast to Sidon and Tyre, Lebanon mountains.

8:30 a.m., leave by private cars, climb Lebanon Mountains, at Dextr El Baidar view the Beka'a and snow-dusted Mount Hermon. Baalbek, visit the Temple of Jupiter and Temple of Bacchus. Lunch at Palmyra Hotel.

1:30 p.m., continue to Damascus, follow the River Barada (Abana of the O.T.) into the world's oldest continuously inhabited city. Hotel Orient Palace.

## MON., JUNE 29—DAMASCUS

9:00 a.m., tour visiting new residential areas, Omayad Mosque, Azem Palace, Ananias' House, East Gate, the Walls over which Paul escaped to the desert; a walk through the old Bazaars; a visit at the world's oldest brass factory.

## TUES., JUNE 30—DAMASCUS, JERASH, AMMAN, MADEBA, MOUNT NEBO

7:30 a.m., leave by car on Mecca Pilgrimage trail, cross from Syria into the Kingdom of Jordan. Jerash (Gerasa-Decapolis) a detour among the hills of Gilead; cross the River Jabbok and continue into Amman (O.T. Rabbath Ammon) with its Philadelphian Amphitheatre and Citadel remaining. Hotel Philadelphia.

3:30 p.m., steps of Moses to Madeba and to Mount Nebo from where Moses saw the Promised Land.

## WED., JULY 1—AMMAN, MA'AN, ELJIE, PETRA, AMMAN

5:00 a.m., depart by car as far as Eljie and the beginning of the Sik; horseback to ancient Nabatean city called the "rose-red city, half as old as time." Visit Treasury, Great Theatre, Triumphal Arch, some of the tombs.

4:00 p.m., depart from Petra, arrive Ammon 8:00 p.m.

## THURS., JULY 2—AMMAN, QUMRAN (Dead Sea Caves) DEAD SEA, JERICHO, JORDAN RIVER, JUDEAN WILDERNESS, JERUSALEM

8:00 a.m., depart from Amman to the Jordan River and across the Wilderness

of Judea to Qumran, the site of Essene community and the area of the Dead Sea Scroll Caves. Lunch Dead Sea Hotel. Visit to Bethabara at Jordan, Jericho of the Old Testament. Modern Jericho, up through the Wilderness to the Judean Mountains and—rounding Bethany see Jerusalem. Hotel Shepherds.

#### **FRI., JULY 3—JERUSALEM**

Visit Palestine Museum.

2:45 p.m., tour to old city to do the Via Dolorosa as pilgrimage, visiting Ecce Homo Arch, Church of Holy Sepulchre, (Golgotha and the Tomb), David Street to Citadel then by car through Dung Gate alongside the Wall of the City.

#### **SAT., JULY 4—JERUSALEM**

9:00 a.m., tour to Old City visiting St. Stephen Gate, Church of St. Anne (Pool of Bethesda), Sisters of Zion (Pilate's Judgment Hall), Temple Area, Wailing Wall, Damascus Gate.

#### **SUN., JULY 5—JERUSALEM, MOUNT OF OLIVES, BETHLEHEM**

Church service on Mount of Olives in view of Jerusalem.

9:00 a.m., tour of Jerusalem from the Chapel of the Ascension, visit Church of Lord's Prayer, walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Drive through the Kidron Valley past Absalom's Pillar, to Siloam Pool, and half-way up Mount Zion to St. Peter-of-the-Cock Crowing.

3:00 p.m., visit Home of Christmas, Rachel's Tomb, Church of Nativity, Shepherds' Fields.

#### **MON., JULY 6—JERUSALEM GIBEON, JACOB'S WELL, SHECHEM, SAMARIA, DOTHAN**

8:00 a.m., visit Gibeon, drive through Beeroth-Ramallah, past Bethel, and Shiloh until you rest at Jacob's Well. Visit Shechem now in process of excavation. Lunch Palestine Hotel in Nablus. Hill of Samaria, bought by Omri, beautified by Ahab, fortified by Herod—see remains of all these. Dothan.

#### **TUES., JULY 7—MANDELBAUM GATE; JERUSALEM, ISRAEL; JAFFA: TEL AVIV; CAESAREA**

7:30 a.m., depart for Mandelbaum Gate. Cross from Jordan into Jerusalem, Israel. Tour of Orthodox Quarter. Mount Zion to visit Chamber of Last Supper, Dormition Church, Herodian Tomb, Hebrew University (for the Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit), view of Ain Karem, Hadassah Hospital. Through Judean Hills to Ramleh and into Jaffa for a view of old port of Joppa. Tel Aviv. Lunch Hotel Samuel.

2:00 p.m., tour through new suburbs of Tel Aviv on along Plain of Sharon to Caesarea. Visit Crusader Castle, Amphitheater, and Aqueduct. On to Haifa to Hotel Zion.

#### **WED., JULY 8—HAIFA, SEA OF GALILEE, CAPERNAUM, MOUNT BEATITUDES, HAZOR, TIBERIAS**

8:00 a.m., tour of Haifa to Panorama Wall for view of city from Mount Carmel; drive into Lower Galilee via Balfour Forest with its view of the Plain of Esdraelion. Nazareth then proceed through Cana and view of the Sea of Galilee. Drive through Tiberias along Sea of Galilee to Magdala, Capernaum, and visit synagogue. Lunch Mountain of Beatitudes at Italian Hospice.

2:00 p.m., drive up into Upper Galilee to Hazor with a tour of excavations. Hatsor. Tiberias to Hotel Ginton.

#### **THURS., JULY 9—TIBERIAS, JORDAN RIVER, BETH-SHAN (Beit Shean), MEGIDDO, TEL AVIV**

7:30 a.m., drive to Jordan River, tour of Degania Kibbutz Beth, Beth Shean (Beit Shean). Tour of excavations. Return around Sea of Galilee via Mount Tabor to Afula. Stop at Megiddo excavations. Through Wadi Ara to Hadera. Tel Aviv-Hotel Samuel.

#### **FRI., JULY 10—TEL AVIV, ATHENS**

Depart Lod Airport aboard Olympic or BEA. Arrive Athens. Hotel Alice.

#### **SAT., JULY 11—ATHENS**

9:00 a.m., tour to National Arch Eological Museum, University and Library, Royal Palace and Guards, Stadium, Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Cathedral and Church of St. Eleftherious, Theatre of Dionysos to Hall of Muses for its panorama view of Athens and the Acropolis, Mars Hill, the Acropolis and its monuments including the Parthenon, Agora, and Temple of Haephaetos.

#### **SUN., JULY 12—ATHENS, CORINTH, DAPHNI**

Church service in Ancient Corinth.

8:00 a.m., motorcoach excursion along the Sacred Way of the Elueusian Mysteries, along Bay of Salamis, Aegean Sea to Corinth Canal, through modern Corinth to ancient Corinth. Visit excavation of Agora, Temple of Apollo, Fountain of Pierene. At the Bema where Paul's defense was made, church service. Along Lechaem Road to Rest House for lunch.

Athens. Visit to 11th century church at Daphni.

#### **MON., JULY 13—ATHENS, SCHWARZENAU, GERMANY**

Leave on Sabena Belgian World Airlines flight for Frankfurt, Germany, and bus to Schwarzenau.

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# "Walk in the Spirit"

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

"Walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16) is an urgent challenge for our day. The Executive Committee of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches could not have chosen a better theme, in our opinion, for the 1963 Conference. For, "walk" is a very interesting word. It means to frequent, to stay in the way. It means to make one's way, to make progress, to make due use of one's opportunities. As a spiritual pattern, it means to regulate one's life, to conduct one's self, to live a life conformed to the union entered into with Christ. "In the Spirit" seems to imply that we be under the influence of the Spirit, under His direction, and with His empowering. That is normal for one indwelt and infilled by the Holy Spirit.

## Walk, and Keep on Walking

We all want progress. But, there will be no progress if we cease walking in the Spirit. There is only one way to walk in the Spirit, and that is to walk in the Spirit. It is a manner of life, it is a pattern of life. Just thinking about it will not do it. It is an activity that includes the whole of life, all of our doings, our witnessing, our private endeavors, as well as our endeavors directly, in the cause of Christ.

## A Fifty-Year Walk

We congratulate the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha on the completion of fifty years of service in our churches, yes, in our whole Fellowship. It has been a true walk in the Spirit; in fact, it has been thousands of walks, for we envision each girl walking. As we share with the young ladies in this year of celebration, our prayer is that there may be many future years of walking in the Spirit.

## COVER PHOTO



Pictured are four young Mexican men—former Bible institute students. Two of these are now filling responsible positions in the Mexican Brethren Church. Jesus Davalos, at the left, is pastor of the Aleman Mission in Tijuana; Javier Peraza, right, is pastor at Calexico-Mexicali.

## Satan Hates That Walk

Satan would have us walk in the flesh, by the flesh, and for the flesh. He opposes God and hinders God's people at every turn in the way. The Great Apostle in another place mentions "walking circumspectly." He would have us walk so that observers looking at us from any vantage point would see only Jesus Christ. How careful we will need to be as we walk—especially as we walk when every day is a day of stress, and when there are special days and seasons of almost unbearable tension. Satan does not make that stress or tension any less, but he desires to accentuate it; he would bring us to the breaking point. Only as we walk in the Spirit can we know the "peace of God that passeth all understanding."

## Results of Walking in the Spirit

The fruit in the life of the person who walks in the Spirit is so beautifully outlined in I Corinthians 13, in the words "suffereth long and is kind . . . Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." The Divine Author is the Holy Spirit. Who could better know the fruit of that walk? Who could better direct and empower for that walk?

"Walk in the Spirit" !

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## *in Brethren Foreign Missions*

By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

God has abundantly blessed in Brethren Foreign Missions both in past progress and in challenging possibilities for the future. In Africa we have seen the growth from dealing with a heathen people to our present-day ministry among a civilized and increasingly literate nation. In Latin America we have come a long way from the time that our workers were persecuted and practically unwanted. The Lord has led us to open up works in France and Hawaii, reaching people of many divergent beliefs. The number of fields is now seven, our missionaries number over one hundred, and the number of members of The Brethren Church in foreign lands stands at over 25,000. Our present-day annual income is approximately one-third of a million dollars. The types of ministry have increased from the simplest program of evangelism and—in Africa, at least—teaching the people to read, to a program of nationals taking over the churches, establishing schools and medical programs, as well as our missionaries teaching these same nationals to plan and carry on a literature and radio ministry.

But for the future there are great possibilities. Our marching orders still are the words of our Lord's great commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And as this becomes the burden of every believer, our God will accomplish even greater things

through us than in the past. Surely, it is evident on every hand that this is His plan and desire for us.

Africa today is a changed Africa from that of the early years, but the doors are still open and the opportunities are great. Today the National Church carries on much of the work there. The nationals are coming more and more into the planning of the work, as well as ministering in the churches. The Africans are pleading for more literature, more schools, and for more missionaries, and advanced training schools to prepare our Africans for completely taking over the work. The missionaries of various boards are working more cooperatively than ever to reach these goals. Translation of the Scriptures is being carried on jointly among the missions. Printing facilities are being shared, and in some cases missions are buying the same type of equipment so that parts are interchangeable. A cooperative youth work is being planned and shared by several missions. And, there is a move underway to explore possibilities for a joint gospel-preaching radio ministry in Central Africa.

Latin America today is the epitome of opportunity. Our missionaries have complete freedom to preach the Word of God. Opportunities for radio evangelism are great. The domination of Catholicism has waned, and "evangelicals" (as Pro-

testants are called) are respected more than ever. According to one survey, the Protestant community in Latin America increased in a quarter of a century from approximately two-and-a-half million to ten million. All of this makes for better conditions in which to carry on our work in that part of the world. And, while progress toward the goal of an indigenous program is not so pronounced in Latin America as in Africa, definite steps are being taken. The principle has been set down and the various fields are working to bring their activities into conformity to that principle. Cooperation among the nationals is good.

Our three works in Hawaii are all comparatively new, but results have been very encouraging. Souls have been saved and the works are growing until space for meeting is becoming a real problem. Future progress is contingent upon securing properties where churches can be built.

In France the future looks bright. A joint "Operation Mobilization" literature campaign, following up on the Billy Graham meetings held there recently, is being planned not only for France, but also for all of Europe. Our missionaries have planned well for their part in this program for France. And, one of the finest developments in this program is the fact that the Brethren Missionary Herald Company is underwriting financially the literature for the Brethren phase of "Operation Mobilization"! Plans are that a Bible Center be established in a central location in France from which other evangelizing efforts will be carried out. The establishment of this center awaits only the necessary funds.

God has blessed in the past, opportunities for the future are great, but hindrances are also on the horizon. Discouragements, the lack of funds, the activities of the cults and isms, the work of Satan in general will be arrayed against any forward movement to reach a lost world for Christ. But the promises of God are bright, and He has promised "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." He will lead us forward when we are willing to be led. ▼



*Argentine evangelism reaches a new area—*

## **“THE PEOPLE UNDER THE EARTH”**

**By Rev. Jack B. Churchill**

They were called in their own tongue “Comechingones.” Because they lived in caves along the river banks, they gained this name, “People under the earth.” But they have long since disappeared, leaving only the artifacts of their primitive life scattered over the ground and their telltale blood mingling in the veins of some present-day inhabitants of the region. And their name, “Comechingones,” is now borne by the southern section of the mountains that run through the central Argentine province of Cordoba.

A number of our Brethren churches are located in towns and cities that lie along the eastern slope of these mountains. One of these towns is Almafuerte, the home of our Bible Institute. Several years ago some of us began talking about the need of taking the Gospel into some of the more inaccessible parts of this mountain area. The modern Comechingones do not live in caves under the earth, but they do spend their days under the burden and condemnation of sin from which only the Lord Jesus Christ can free them. Most of them earn a meager living by raising sheep and goats, cultivating corn on rocky slopes, or working as prospectors and miners of ma-

terials such as fluorite and tungsten.

During two weeks of last January, three institute students and I with our gear on pack animals and on our own backs, traveled through these mountains. Armed with tracts and Bibles we tried to visit each isolated dwelling that our eyes picked out and that our feet would carry us to. At night we were usually able to sleep under a roof at some mining camp. We were never denied permission to hold a preaching service in the evening at the mines we visited. The Mighty-Mite projector that runs on flashlight batteries enabled us to show Bible filmstrips, we sang several quartet numbers, and then the one whose turn it was preached the message of salvation.

Among those who listened to the Word during the trip were a university-trained man in charge of a mining camp; a Lithuanian prospector living alone and grubbing out a few kilos of ore each day with a hand pick; a number of miners from Bolivia, among them a Christian hungry for fellowship; and the owner of some tungsten diggings, who though not a native of the hills knew more about them than anyone else we met. His comment about the hill people was that you just have

to scratch the surface and underneath the veneer of civilization and religion you can find the primitive Comechingone. He related in hair-raising terms a hand-to-hand dagger fight he had had with one of them. Then he showed us his opponent's dagger which he had offered to return to him the day he found nerve enough to come and get it. We found that there was a need for the Word and the Saviour everywhere. And almost everywhere the Word was given, it received a respectful hearing.

The fellowship that bound the four of us together in this gospel trek is something that we will always remember, and it is causing us to look forward to next summer and the possibility of another trip into the Comechingones Mountains. At the same time we are encouraging the idea of a number of groups to go out from different churches for a week or two of hill-country or rural evangelism. The past generations of Indians who lived and died in this area are out of our reach. But the people who live there now are our responsibility. They must be reached before the day comes for their bodies to be placed “under the earth,” and their souls go into an eternity without Christ. ▼

## Days Aside

Days of waiting as health rebuilds  
Yield treasures to be shared.  
Blessings untold in a sickroom are found  
When the Lord is there.

The sudden halt, the enforced rest,  
The upset of cherished plans,  
All work together to say: "My times  
Are in Thy hands."

The quick response of family and friends,  
The concern, the unfailing prayer,  
Are proofs that tell of a Father's love  
Through these who care.

A common plea of busy days:  
"More time to read the Word!"  
Finds answer now in unhurried hours  
Where His voice is heard.

Walls around do not shut me in;  
Through a window I can go free.  
Tree songs, cloud rides, and red sunsets  
Bring joy to me.

To be like Christ, God's plan for me,  
Takes ways my heart would shun;  
His promise is that He'll carry on  
Till His work is done.

So, thank You, Lord, for days aside.  
I'm richer now than before.  
And I've only begun to taste the grace  
That You have in store.

(FMS Ed. Note: Shortly after the completion of the trip written up on the opposite page, Missionary Churchill was stricken with hepatitis. The above poem was a product of his long period of confinement.)

Top—On the trail in the Comechingones Mountains. Middle—Mr. Churchill hands gospel tracts to couple who live in stone house. Bottom—A trail down which the party descended to a mining camp.







## Puerto Rico Ramblings

Begin at the upper right-hand corner and follow the pictures counterclockwise for this explanation.

First, there is an aerial view of a residential section known as "Israel," where Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson hold a meeting each Thursday night. Next, the cement is being finished in a carport between two buildings in "Israel" to provide more facilities for the meetings. The houses on either side, as well as the space between, are used.

Mr. Dickson appears on his scooter in front of the Dickson home in Hato Rey. Below this is pictured the 1962 winning quiz team from the Northern Atlantic District at the airport as they were about to leave Puerto Rico following their visit there this past spring.

The large white building is the federal penitentiary where many visits have been made by Brethren missionaries and other workers, taking the Gospel to the inmates. And last, Jackie Dickson, at the right in the picture, makes the acquaintance of some boys and girls at the site of the central water supply for all the people of a village. ▼

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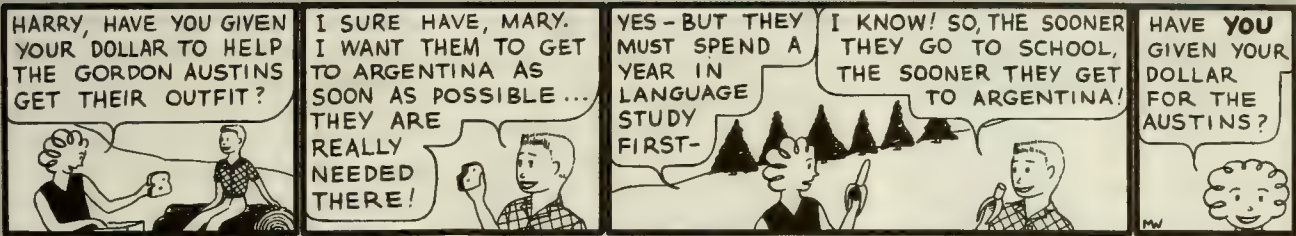


# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director      Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.

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## Knowing Your Missionaries

### MISSIONARY HELPERS

All of these girls below are new Missionary Helpers from the First Brethren Church of Sterling, Ohio. Their leader, Mrs. Doris Beickler, says they are real enthusiastic MH'ers and already know the club chorus, the seven mission fields, and the names of some of the missionaries and their fields.

We praise the Lord for these MH'ers!



Miss Lois Miller is a missionary nurse in Africa. She went to that field in 1960 after a year of language study in France. She has been serving the Lord at the busy station of Yaloke. By the time you read this, she will be in the United States, for her furlough starts August 2. Miss Miller will be at National Conference, so maybe some of you MH'ers will get to meet her!



Jackie Sue Gingrich  
Seville, Ohio



Patty Kaye Gingrich  
Wadsworth, Ohio



Linda Sue Lance  
Creston, Ohio



Karen Shane  
Sterling, Ohio



# Missions Emphasis at Grace Appreciated

"Go Ye . . ."

*(The testimonies presented here were written by some who were students of the Grace College missions class the past semester, and express their appreciation for the school's excellent missions emphasis.)*

There are many things about a Christian college which are appreciated by the student in attendance. One of the outstanding features is the Bible study courses which he follows through each succeeding school term. And for the first time at Grace, the past semester a course of Bible study was introduced which was geared directly to the student interested in missions.

I had the privilege of sitting in that "Introduction to Missions" class and can say it was indeed a blessing. I have heard many others say the same. For one it was more assurance God wanted her on the mission field, and for another it was to study the lives of outstanding missionaries and to hear the simple, but earnest, admonition of the instructor, Dr. Jobson.

A special blessing was received in that all of this was an answer to prayer, and to be part of something for which one has prayed is indeed a manifold blessing. Class members were encouraged by the ministry of visiting speakers, hearing others who had spent time on the field and learning of conditions firsthand with each speaker echoing the voice of God when He said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

—Thomas R. Miller

I had just started a new summer job. As I began to get acquainted with some of the fellows with whom I would be working, one asked what I was preparing to be in college. "Possibly a missionary to a foreign country," I replied. He chuckled and said to the others: "Hey, this kid's gonna be a missionary!"

It is interesting to note the vast differences in the values which various individuals place on foreign missions. I had but a vague idea what missionaries really are. Even yet there is much to learn, but through an introductory course in missions which

I took at Grace College this past year, I feel that my eyes have been opened to the responsibility which each Christian has to take the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth.

I consider this course in Christian Missions to be one of the highlights of my Christian life, for I believe it has brought me just a little closer to the answer to a most important question: "How, and in what capacity can I be most effectively used in Christian service?"

One thing I shall not soon forget is the question which our African brother, Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, placed before us when he asked: "Why are you not going?"

We were definitely led by the Spirit of God who used as His vessel Dr. Orville Jobson. He taught us that Christian missions is "the carrying into effect God's redemptive purpose in Christ by human witnesses devoted to Him and employing Biblical methods in complete reliance upon the Holy Spirit."

Such a course is, to those who have shared in it, invaluable. The challenges and testimonies in the classroom have led to meditation and heartsearching in individual lives. We have heard the call and we have seen the need. The Great Commission has been given. May we say: "Here am I; send me."

—Rick Ault

I want to thank the Lord for the past year at Grace College. Before coming to Grace I did not know too much about missions. I am thankful for the emphasis placed on missions at Grace. It has been a great inspiration and challenge to me.

During the school year, the missionary conference and the new missions class were a great blessing to me in preparing for the Lord's service wherever He would have me go. I am looking forward to next year and the years to come when I can take more missions courses and receive guidance and blessing from them.

A verse which was pointed out to me this year, and which has come to mean a great deal to me, is Romans 10:15: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet



of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

—Norma Jeanne Stech

It has indeed been a most profitable experience for me to be privileged to take at Grace College the course designated as Introduction to Missions, a new course instituted in the second semester of the school year 1962-63.

To me the greatest blessing was the instructor of the course, Dr. Orville Jobson. This man's most evident love for Jesus Christ and his devotion to, and zeal for, the cause of worldwide missions were impressive to me. The fact that he has served as a missionary greatly aided in his instructing us students about missions. I appreciated his sincere desire to impart to us the Biblical foundation of the missionary enterprise. His interest in and love for us students in the course are very commendable. I thank God for Dr. Jobson.

The guest speakers were another source of blessing to me in the class. These people because of their contact with missionary work were able to grant beneficial knowledge regarding missions to us students. Mr. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, an African church leader, was a particular blessing to me.

It has been a profitable experience as well to have participated

## Excerpts From Africa

A letter from Missionary Don Miller reveals a busy schedule typical of that of all our missionaries in Africa:

Next month is a full one, and we will not be here at Bozoum much of the time. The first part of the month I will be meeting with several other missions in our area of Africa with the idea in view of establishing an Inter-Mission Literature Fellowship. Immediately after this our Sunday School Committee will be meeting to try to establish and set into operation two more departments in our Sunday schools—children and youth. We are also working on a teachers' training manual, and Lois and I are in the process of writing a Sunday-school quarterly. It would be so wonderful if we had at least two couples who could give their full time to this work. I feel that Sunday schools are one of our most important programs for the church.

Miss Rosella Cochran writes:

in the World Missions Fellowship organization at the school. The fellowship with like missions-minded students and other people was a wonderful experience. Participation in WMF has provided information regarding missions, as well as oc-

Death called twice at Bassai last night within the same hour; first to take a tiny baby, born prematurely; then a teen-age boy.

Silence reigned in both rooms as I visited the families. The baby's parents are Christians. Their first baby was born dead. Now the second one was taken after two days. Certainly they have treasures laid up in heaven awaiting that coming Day.

The boy's parents said they were not believers, but that their son was. It is so unusual for non-Christians to be silent at the time of death. Perhaps the Lord was speaking—certainly He must have been, for otherwise there would have been the weeping and wailing, the beating of chests and the throwing of unclad bodies to the ground in expression of extreme sorrow.

Both families waited until daybreak to return to their villages. What does the future hold for them? Will we see them again this side of glory? We trust that we may. ▼

casions for intercessory prayer. I appreciated being able to help in leading the college Africa missionary prayer group. I thank God for WMF, and I wish that more would participate in it.

—Carl J. Fisher ▼

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# CHURCH NEWS

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**UNIONTOWN, PA.** Bill Burk, Brethren missionary on furlough from Brazil, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on July 21. True Hunt, pastor.

**VANDALIA, OHIO.** The Vandalia Grace Brethren Church conducted a cornerstone laying service for their new church on Aug. 4. Dr. L. L. Grubb, secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the special speaker. Sherwood Durkee, pastor.

**WINCHESTER, VA.** Dr. Orville D. Jobson, formerly superintendent of our Brethren mission field in Central Africa, was guest speaker July 21. Paul Dick is pastor.

**LEESBURG, IND.** R. I. Humbert, Flora, Ind., was guest speaker at the Leesburg Brethren Church on July 21.

**ROANOKE, VA.** Dr. Homer A. Kent, vice president of Grace Seminary and College and father of Wendell E. Kent, was the guest speaker at Washington Heights Brethren Church on June 23. Wendell E. Kent is pastor.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** The Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Archie Lynn, pastor, celebrated its tenth anniversary and homecoming on July 21. Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., was the anniversary service speaker.

**STERLING, OHIO.** Robert Combs accepted a unanimous call from the First Brethren Church to serve as interim pastor until Sept. 11. Brother Combs will then return to Grace Seminary to continue his studies.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Jerry Young has been called as interim pas-

tor for the summer months at the Gay Street Brethren Church.

**HARRISBURG, PA.** A new Brethren work has been started across the Susquehanna River from the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, which is named the Grace Brethren West Shore Bible Class. The attendance averages about 12 per meeting, with a high of 25.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** At the evening service at First Brethren Church on July 14 there were 647 persons in attendance. Pastor Kenneth Ashman had requested that his radio audience attend this special service of the church to demonstrate the effectiveness of the church's daily radio ministry.

**CUBA, N. MEX.** A Navajo Bible Conference was held July 17-30, with native evangelist Bruce Yazzie as principal speaker. There were approximately 100 in attendance. Fourteen made public decisions for Christ. On the closing day, a musical ensemble from Bob Jones University, presented special music. James McClellan, supt.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** The high school department of the Community Brethren Sunday school had an exciting graduation party June 14. Sixty-eight young people went to the fabulous Reef Restaurant in Long Beach. A wonderful meal was enjoyed in the exotic polynesian atmosphere. After dinner the group made a hasty trip to San Pedro and boarded the SS Princess for a beautiful moonlight cruise. During the cruise they were entertained by the musical Dunns. The motif of the boat was done in Gay Ninety style. The party was climaxed by a breakfast at the Glenn Miller home in Whittier.

**LISTIE, PA.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. France Shaulis of the Listie Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary July 26.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, the first African elder from our Brethren mission field, was the guest speaker July 14 at Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.

**HAWTHORNE, N. J.** Dr. Paul Bauman, member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church and vice president of LeTourneau College, Longview, Tex., presented illustrated messages on Archaeology and the Bible at the Summer Pavilion of the Hawthorne Gospel Church. Dr. Bauman will also be one of the featured speakers at the Canadian Keswick Conference in Ferndale, Muskoka, Canada, during Aug. 17-23.

**LONGVIEW, TEX.** Dr. Raymond Gingrich, formerly pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, and presently academic dean of LeTourneau College, has been traveling with a college gospel team through the western states this summer.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, 1004 Stanton Place, Modesto, Calif. (95351). Rev. and Mrs. William E. Howard, P. O. Box 8, Clayton, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. John P. Burke, 512 Stetler Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.

**WARSAW, IND.** Bill Burk, popularly known as Amazon Bill, will be the speaker at the Community Grace Brethren Church Aug. 11. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina will bring the evening message. Miss Elizabeth Tyson will be his interpreter. An informal farewell for the African elder will be held following the service.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Clyde Caes, Youth for Christ director and former interim pastor at the First Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the Basore Road

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

W. Russell Ogden, Akron, Ohio

Earle E. Peer, Harrisburg, Pa.

Arthur Pekarek, Chico, Calif.

Randall Rossman, Clay City, Ind.

Victor Rogers, Duncansville, Pa.

Dean Risser, Margate, Fla.



Grace Brethren Church, Russell Ward, pastor.

GEISTOWN, PA. The second anniversary of the dedication of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church was observed July 14, Randall Poyner, pastor.

ELKHART, IND. Evangelist Clarence Nida, a graduate of Grace Seminary, was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church during July 7-10. There were six rededications of life and one decision for salvation. Gordon Bracker, pastor.

HATBORO, PA. Bruce Button, Brethren missionary to the Jews of Los Angeles, Calif., was the guest speaker at the Suburban Brethren Church July 14. William Steffler, pastor.

BERNE, IND. Dr. James Boyer, professor of Greek at Grace College, was the guest speaker at Bethel Brethren Church July 14. Kenneth E. Russell, pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND. Evangelist Bill Smith was speaker at the Bethel Brethren Church on July 14 in preparation for his coming crusade Oct. 13-20. Scott Weaver is pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. A special dedication of the new baptistry in the First Brethren Church was conducted by Pastor James Sweeton on Aug. 4.

DAYTON, OHIO. Richard L. Burch has accepted the call to become pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church. He will begin his ministry here Sept. 8.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird, of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary July 17.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowery, teachers at the Brethren Navajo Mission, were guest speakers at the Riverside Brethren Church July 14. Francis Brill, pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. The First Brethren Church, Raymond W. Thompson, pastor, had an average attendance in VBS of 102 pupils and 31 workers. A missionary offering of \$110.71 was received for a car and truck project for Africa.

NORWALK, CALIF. Howard Mayes has accepted the call to become pastor of the Norwalk Brethren Church, effective Sept. 30.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Lyle W. Marvin, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was re-elected as moderator of the Nor-Cal district conference July 9.

TAOS, N. MEX. The Canon Brethren Church, Sam Horney, pastor, enjoyed three sacred concerts during the months of June and July. A unique musical program was presented by a choral group from Biola College on July 1, a concert was presented by Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn., on July 5, and the third concert presented by LeTourneau College on July 18.

DAVENPORT, IOWA. Frank Gardner, currently pastor of the First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here Oct. 1.

WINONA, MINN. There was a record attendance of 43 in the morning worship service at Grace Brethren Church, Quentin Matthes, pastor, on July 7.

WHEATON, ILL. Dean Fetterhoff has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, effective Sept. 1.

ARVADA, COLO. The first VBS was held at the Symphony Grace Brethren Church during July 8 to 12. Rev. and Mrs. Tom Inman of the Denver Grace Brethren Church assisted. There was a total of 50 members with an average attendance of 35. There were 80 people present for the closing exercises. An offering of \$16.40 was received for the Navajo Mission. Edward Mensinger, pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kriegbaum announce the birth of their son Arnold R. Kriegbaum II, on July 18. Rev. and Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum are the paternal grandparents. Granddad Kriegbaum, who is the dean of men and director of Public Relations at Grace College, dedicated his first grandson at the Winona Lake Brethren Church July 28.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. The Vacation Bible School at Grace Brethren Church, Ralph Colburn, pastor, broke all previous records with an average morning attendance of 302, and an average evening attendance of 34. The total average was 354 for the two-week school. A staff of more than 50 served the school, and the total offerings exceeded \$500. There were 552 present for the closing program on July 19. Fifty-three primaries and juniors professed faith in Christ as Saviour, and others offered their lives for missionary service. Total enrollment of 507 included children from more than 20 different churches.

## *In Memoriam*

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

MISHLER, Mrs. Emma, a charter member of the First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio, was called home to be with the Lord July 7. She was the beloved mother of Miss Marie Mishler, Brethren missionary serving in Africa. Russell Ogden, president of Akron Bible Institute, officiated at the funeral services.

TAYLOR, Ralph H., 57, went to be with the Lord June 30. He was a member and leader in the New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich. Rev. Russell Williams and Rev. Gerald L. Kelley had the memorial service.

## *Wedding Bells*

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janet Ley and Eugene Morratti, July 26, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Judith Ann Manuel and Lynn Allen McBride, Aug. 3, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Karen Ynez Bloom and Orlan Daniel Ketrow, Aug. 3, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Mary Long and Gene Albert, July 6, Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

Sharon Ruth Aeby and Steven Wesley Stitt, Aug. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.



# The Missionary Herald Provides

Over 1,000 dedicated Christian young people are moving through the towns of Europe with a massive literature distribution program in an all-out attempt to acquaint every man, woman, and child in Roman Catholic Europe with the salvation in Jesus Christ.

The primary aim of this operation is to saturate every secondary town in Europe with gospel literature through house-to-house visitation and personal contacts during the months of August and September.

The overall program will include up to 3,000 students, 70 trucks, 130 cars and 250 tons of gospel literature. The basic strategy calls for literature distribution, the setting up of gospel bookstores, and enrollment of contacts in Bible correspondence courses.

Operation Mobilization, which this summer's European campaign is



## LITERATURE NEEDED FOR FRANCE

by Rev. Tom Julien

Readers of the Foreign Mission Echoes are well aware of the importance of literature in the work of evangelism in France. In the majority of cases those who have heard the gospel message were first contacted through literature. It is essential that the ministry of the printed page be continued.

For several years we have been able to purchase literature freely through a fund to which several churches and individual Christians have made liberal contributions. Only God knows how many French men and women have been able to read of His love toward them because of the concern of these churches and Christians. In many instances those who have received literature from this fund have never had other opportunities to hear or read God's Word.

Yet, it is beginning to fail, and just at a time when the need is great for additional funds. Plans have been made for extensive literature distribution during the months of August and September. Not only are the Christians of the Centre Evangelique at Lyon being recruited for this effort, but in addition a large number of young people from a literature project called "Operation Mobilization" will be coming into our area.

The amount of money currently in the literature fund is not sufficient to care for the literature needs of these two months. If more funds are not made available by that time, it will be necessary to dip into the current operating budget for France, appropriating money that is sorely needed in other areas.

that God will supply this need.



Brother Julien with the 'the'

The Brethren Mission answered these and literature needed in the "Operation Mobilization" in France. The cost of much that God will

# Literature to Evangelize France

called, is a venture promoted by the Send the Light organization, which has its headquarters at Wyckoff, New Jersey.

Moody Literature Mission, Back to the Bible Broadcast, Christian Literature Crusade, Bible Christian Union, and other conservative publishing houses are supplying Christian literature for this great literature ministry to Europe.

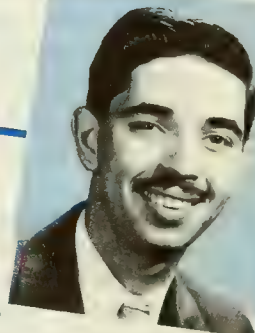
The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is cooperating in this mammoth venture to the extent of providing the literature needed by our missionaries to France during this special literature evangelism campaign. This is part of the Missionary Herald's free literature ministry.

Read the following reprint of a *Foreign Mission Echoes* article by Tom Julien, and the letter from Fred Fogle, which powerfully present the need for gospel literature in our Brethren mission field of France.



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Rev. Clyde K. Landrum  
The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society  
Winona Lake, Indiana, U. S. A.

Dear Brother Landrum:

Greetings in Christ's name once again from Franconville!  
Here is some information concerning our literature distribution program this summer. I am delighted that the Brethren Missionary Herald Company will be able to supply literature for the work.

Let me explain a bit how Operation Mobilization works. Young people from a number of different countries are being sent out as teams which will be responsible for different well-defined areas. Since these young people are here only for the summer, they desire to cooperate with permanent missionaries who can do the followup, and that is where we come in.

Tom Julien and I, and our wives, will be working with squads, or teams, from Operation Mobilization in the areas in which we are interested. We are also asking for young people from our group in Lyon to join us.

In August, between the first and twentieth, we will work in about one-third of the Saone et Loire. Most of this area lies within our Moulins-Gueugnon-Lyon triangle, in which we already have contacts.

In September we will work in the areas of Allier and Jura. The Jura is a practically virgin territory as far as evangelical work is concerned. It is a part of France which would be favorable to the establishment of a French Bible Center.

Operation Mobilization has said they will supply the books, and we will supply Gospels, tracts, and so forth. We want to get a good number of New Testaments, too. Here is a price list: Bibles - \$2 each (Some will run about \$4 to \$5); New Testaments sixty cents each; Illustrated Gospels ten cents each; Correspondence course five cents (note: I have already ordered 5000 of these which means \$250); Tracts cost one cent a piece.

It is difficult to give an exact figure, but I believe the total literature expenditure for this campaign will be about \$500.

Literature has always played an important part in our work in France. Our desire is to get the Gospel into every home by one means or another in our area of approximately 1200 square miles.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

P. Fred Fogle  
P. Fred Fogle



# THE BASIS FOR TRUE CHRISTIAN UNITY ... NOW!

By Rev. Robert E. A. Miller

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The pressure being generated within the ecumenical movement is producing a confusion of union with unity. A current example of this dilemma comes from a recent report of the attitude of the Universal Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul. The Patriarch's theological background and his respect for tradition do not give him liberty to look on the Bible as I do as the believer's sole guide to faith and practice. Nevertheless, be assured that he has high regard for every word from God, devoted as he is to spiritual values.

But the Patriarch recently asked in a discussion of the ecumenical movement: "Why are we divided? Our estrangement is unreasonable. It is unreasonable because the situation confronting Christendom is so serious. All our forces united will not be too much to face not only materialistic communism, but also the other isms threatening religious faith.

"Humanity has had two periods of youthful vigor. One at Creation, one at the advent of Christ." He then prophesied: "Soon will begin the third for both humanity and Christendom through the union of Christians."

These words from one of the greatest among non-Catholic Christian dignitaries significantly reflects the favorable attitude of many in the Greek Orthodox Church toward the ecumenical movement. And herein lies the danger confronting ecumenists—the danger that our seeking for unity may be energized not so much by a deep yearning of spirit for oneness in Christ as by a despairing desire to counter the threat of secular-

ism joined with communism. Our Lord's prayer for unity in the Book of John 17 can be lost in our blind passion for union—union that is more a political expediency than a spiritual ideal.

Lessons in history point up this danger signal. The mingling and meddling of the temporal and spiritual, the fusion and confusion of civil and religious power, the friction and antipathy of church and state have led to bloody persecutions and disorders of centuries past. For the moment it is easy to forget proved principles and to enter unholy alliances when pressured by a common enemy. The tragic consequences of such union eludes our memories.

History serves to reinforce the teaching our blessed Lord gave so clearly. The Lord Jesus instituted a separation between civil and religious authorities when He said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's" (Luke 20:25). Our Lord desires unity but not against someone or something. He desires unity in His body the church to be a witness to the world: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: *that the world may believe that thou hast sent me*" (John 17:21).

This is the divine heartbeat underlying true Christian unity—the mission of the church in this age. It is to reflect the eternal harmony that characterizes the relationship between the Father and the Son. Founded on the Word of God, the only guide, the church must preach the eternal Gospel to every nation, tongue, and

people. The commission is spelled out so that under no pretext must the church be diverted from this sacred calling that demands all its energy and strength. To others must be left the burden of the cares of state, which in turn must not interfere in the affairs of the church. Religious unity is false when obtained by the application of civil laws, which is being done today in some countries. The state is a danger to the church whether it seeks to paternalize or persecute.

The unity desired by Christ, and that which should be desired by the Christian, must be achieved in the only way possible by turning from the traditions of men, which have been the main cause of division among believers, and accepting without reservation the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. It was God's Word that brought true unity to the first century church, which was made up of men and women from all the countries of the then known world, men and women who shared the prejudices, the errors, and the passions of the ethnic groups to which they belonged. Even the "wall of separation" the Apostle Paul noted between Jew and gentile—until then unshaken by the centuries—fell like the walls of Jericho when the Gospel came into Palestine.

The power of God's Spirit in the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not decreased; the Lord's arm is not shortened. When men willingly submit to be led by the Word of God only, and they willingly permit the Spirit of God to lead them into all truth a modern miracle will happen. We will see the work of "the perfecting of the saints" go on "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God."

The basis for true Christian unity is not to be found in a pressured alliance of expediency against the secular forces joined in a Communist encirclement. Nor will it be found in church councils and mergers. Christian unity is not to be achieved by man at all. It is entirely and only the action of God's Spirit on the hearts of men who are willing to lay aside the traditions of men and follow explicitly the Word of the Lord God. ▼



# The Christian Home

By Rev. R. I. Humberd

Flora, Indiana

The nearest thing to heaven of anything on earth is the Christian home. We watch as God moves out upon His creation to prepare it for what He has in mind. We hear God speak: "Let us make man in our image," and lo, in spotless beauty the first man steps forth from the hands of his Creator.

## *The Need for a Companion*

Again God speaks: "It is not good that the man should be alone." God said those words, but tens of thousands of men have agreed with God—it is not good to be alone—"I will make a help meet for him."

This is to be a help meet not a mere help eat. It is to be a suitable companion, an answering mate. So God put Adam into a deep sleep, took a rib; made a woman and brought her to the man, and God himself performed the first wedding ceremony.

## *The Woman in the Home*

"I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully" (I Tim. 5:14). It is perfectly natural, right, and proper for younger people to look forward to starting a home of their own. But it is a very, very critical time, and a mistake here may mean a ruined home. Therefore marriage should be entered into with extreme caution.

There are three avenues of approach to the marriage relation. The spiritual, the mental, and the physical. First, the spiritual: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14). A Christian should never marry an unbeliever.

Second, the mental. They should have the same background and interests as much as possible. Husband and wife should be able to talk things over together.

Third, the physical; that is, they should like the looks of each other. Sometimes in the animal realm, the pheasant for instance, the male must attract his mate. But in the human realm it is the exact opposite. The female or the girl must attract her mate. But there are two ways for a girl to attract a boy; God has a way and the Devil has a way.

## *How to Attract a Husband*

God's way is for a woman to be clean and neat, but she is not to attract her mate merely by "outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" (I Pet. 3:4). God has ordained that a woman wear "modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety" (I Tim. 2:9).

The Devil has a way for the girls to attract the boys. The Bible tells us that some girls "forsake the guide of her youth"—modesty. Girls are to wear decent clothing. Shame on those mothers who send their daughters out with scanty clothes and bodies exposed. Oh yes, the world does it, but "be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2). And girls, remember this, the clothes you wear reflect your character. One day Solomon looked

out of his window and saw a "woman in the attire of an harlot" (Prov. 7:10). And when you see women to-day going down the street in the attire of an harlot, you are not looking at a godly woman.

## *Order in the Home*

If you were driving down the street and saw a policeman standing there, and he would tell you to turn the corner, you would turn. Not because he was bigger than you, but because of his position. God has ordained position in the home—the husband is the head of the home.

And as I travel about, I am quite sure that much of the trouble, the heartaches, the sorrows in homes to-day is right there; wives are not willing to take their God-given place in the home (read Gen. 3:16). They would be far happier if they did.

That command comes into the New Testament absolutely unchanged: "Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands" (Eph. 5:22), and Paul tells us that word submit means "Not answering again." Quit the arguing, debating, and snapping. All you will gain is the disrespect of your husband. The love and respect of your husband is worth a million dollars to you.

I was holding meetings in Florida and one evening took a walk. A car drove in ahead of me, a man coming home from work. And I could see what was going on in the house

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# Praise and Prayer

**BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for a series of special meetings this fall with each district ministerium on the needs of Brethren home missions.

PRAY for an effective presentation of the work of Brethren home missions during the itineration in the following months.

PRAY for adequate growth and finances in the last few months of 1963 to enable some churches to go self-supporting in 1964.

PRAISE God for supplying the need of pastors for a number of our home-mission churches in the past few weeks.

PRAISE God for the three churches in various stages of completion: Westminster, California; Vandalia, Ohio; and Margate, Florida.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for an enlarged vision among our laymen.

PRAY for the sessions of our national laymen's meetings in Winona Lake.

PRAY that God will lead in the election of new officers.

PRAY for all district laymen's organizations.

PRAY for the completion of our scholarship fund.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that all those who were in attendance at the Sunday School Convention in Winona Lake will follow through on decisions to do a better job in their Sunday school.

PRAY that results of planning for the fall months may challenge all of our workers across the Nation in every Sunday school.

PRAY that the enlargement campaign may truly be an enlargement of our Sunday schools.

PRAY that every financial need of the Sunday School Board may be met.

## EVANGELISM

PRAY that during this last half of the summer a great harvest shall be gathered by the Summer Team of Allen Schlatter and Dave Seifert.

PRAY for a great harvest of souls by Ron Thompson during this first season of evangelism starting in September.

PRAY that the year ahead may greatly increase in souls for Christ by Bob Collitt.

PRAY for the sessions of the Board of Evangelism as they meet during National Conference. Some very important matters must be taken up.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for a good student body in both the Seminary and the College at the opening of the fall semester in September.

PRAY for continued progress on the girl's dormitory and General Dining Hall that they may be ready for occupancy by the second semester in January.

PRAY for the student financial problems that the increased costs of education may not keep worthy students from entering school.

PRAY for the effort to gain regional accreditation for the college to the end that the program of the school may be more attractive and efficient. Thank God for the state accreditation that the school continues to have.

## WMC

PRAY that a deeper guidance of the Holy Spirit be the experience of each woman manifesting Christ and may prayer and praise to our God be the center of her life.

PRAY for real advancement in our WMC activities during the coming year.

PRAY for our national officers during their meetings at the National Conference.

PRAY for all the new WMC officers, national, district and local, as they take their offices for 1963-1964, that they may have wisdom and joy in their services.

## SMM

PRAY for the fiftieth anniversary celebration at National Conference.

PRAY for safe travel as girls come to National Conference.

PRAY that many of our patronesses may be able to attend National Conference.

PRAY for national board meetings prior to conference.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAISE the Lord for the many decisions that have been made thus far in our district camps. God has richly blessed these ministries this summer.

PRAY for many who have accepted the Lord recently, and who need real instruction in the Word.

PRAY for our national youth conference which is convening this month. Pray that many hearts may be softened for the message of God's Word.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Phil Guerena family in Mexico, and especially for Bro. Guerena in his continued schooling.

PRAISE the Lord for the blessing of a recent communion service at Huinca Renanco, Argentina and the interest of the believers there.

PRAY that there might be lasting results from the extensive literature distribution campaign conducted in France during the summer months.

PRAISE God for the establishment of a Bible bookstore at Bozoum in Central African Republic. Pray for this ministry.

PRAY for wisdom from the Lord in the direction of the Christian Day Schools in Brazil.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for the continuing good response of our readership to the color issues of the Missionary Herald.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing upon the special literature evangelism program to be conducted in France during August and September.

# Concerning Conference



AT WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

AUGUST 12-18

## WMC SESSIONS DAILY

8:00—9:45 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday

## A UNIQUE AND INTERESTING PROGRAM

### *including*

- » Foreign Mission Speakers
- » Home Mission Speakers
- » Educational Speakers
- » SMM Speakers
- » WMC "Know How" Speakers,  
and many more

## MOTHERS TAKE NOTE:

A child care center is available to you starting on Tuesday morning at 8:00 and continuing through the week. The cost of this is being cared for by the Conference.

There will also be Children's Meetings each morning for the older children starting at 9:00.



● A devotional thought for August—

## Love Never Faileth

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [love], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity [love], I am nothing. . . . Charity [love] suffereth long, and is kind; charity [love] envieth not; charity [love] vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil" (I Cor. 13:1-2, 4-5). How often these familiar words ring in our ears! In this day and age when all around us we hear of murders, crimes, juvenile delinquents, delinquent parents, suicides, and broken homes; we wonder why certain things happen. We are shocked. We can't understand it all. And then we think back over those familiar words from I Corinthians the thirteenth chapter again and we realize, even more than before, how true they really are!

Love is the strongest force in the world today. And then again comes those old familiar words, "Love never faileth." And in I John 4:7-11 we read: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation [offering] for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

And so through these wonderful words from that precious old Book, we are reminded that love is of God,



By Mrs. Dale Winkler

and when we become children of His, it is important that we transmit and radiate His love through our lives. And if we really love the Lord and are giving Him first place in our lives, that love will burst forth wherever we might be, in all our activities, and in whatever circumstances we may be.

How many of us pray that we might be better witnesses for the Lord? Before the day is over, we thoughtlessly criticize here, and we nag a bit there, and perhaps let our tempers soar a bit over here. Or we are so shocked at what our neighbor is doing, but our neighbor isn't a Christian, and she doesn't know the Lord. And since our neighbor isn't a Christian, how can we expect her to act like one? But do we always remember to pray for her salvation? What a wealth of wisdom is contained in Matthew 7:1: "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Also James 3:6: "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body." Many times we may be better witnesses by just smiling, when we can't say a word—by letting God's love shine through our hearts to others who do not understand and refuse to listen to a spoken word of testimony.

How much more important it should be in our lives when we live and work among those who do not

know the Lord as their Saviour to go the extra mile, to bend over backwards to be gracious and kind. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Col. 3:23). We are Christ's ambassadors, we must be friendly, responsible, and courageous for Him, but most of all, we must let others see His love reflected in everything that we do.

I have been privileged to go back to classes after having been out of high school for over eighteen years. It was a little difficult to concentrate at first, but gradually progress is attained. And so recently, I completed my practice teaching in the local junior high school. I was working among people who knew very little about me, and, of course, I knew about the same of them. Even my supervising teacher was lacking of information usually presented concerning the student teacher, for my personal file somehow was misplaced and never reached him as it should have. Because of this, he has no idea of my background or interests. Had he received my personal data, he would have known of my interest in the Lord's work, and that I was occupied with my Sunday-school class and WMC work. So being an ambassador for my Lord, I was interested in letting His love shine forth, and I prayed that He might open the way.

And how faithful the Lord is unto His children when they desire to please Him! About the second day that I was in class, my supervising teacher very kindly suggested that I take over the devotions because perhaps I would have some new ideas. What a wide open door was presented! And how I enjoyed those morning devotions! Always before, the children saluted the flag and repeated the Lord's prayer, so we continued that, but each day I planned something extra and different. Sometimes I would read a devotional poem or a missionary story, and then I would read a choice devotional from the Word, too.

One day a little girl brought in a devotional from the Nazarene Church Sunday-school paper, and we used that. Another day, a little girl came to me and asked me if I

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By Mrs. Homer Kent, Sr.

Many people become discouraged in their prayer life and probably cease praying altogether for the reason that their prayers seem not to be answered. The question naturally arises, Why are my prayers not answered? I have prayed for years for health, or the removal of a problem and the desired answer has not come.

There are a number of considerations to be remembered in seeking

an answer. It may be, for instance, that God's time for the answer has not arrived. A postponed answer may ultimately bring the greater blessing. Perhaps the lesson needs to be learned that delays are not necessarily refusals. How often the Apostle Paul planned an agenda in his missionary travels with the sole purpose in mind to do the will of God, and yet he was hindered and even forbidden by the Spirit to carry out the mission. God knows the best for our lives; yet we become so impatient.

It may be that a person has not asked wisely, so God in kindness and

love has said, No. But a negative answer is as much an answer as a positive one. We need to learn this second lesson, and that is to thank God for the negative answers. Of course, that isn't so easy to do.

We learn also that there are many hindrances to prayer, and people themselves are almost wholly responsible for most hindrances. Let us consider first that only Christians can pray with an assurance of answer. The rich promises in God's Word relating to prayer are given to believers. The wonderful privilege of intimate fellowship with God at

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER

### AFRICA—

Kimberly Joe Cone	October 14, 1953
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Karisse Ann Cone	October 16, 1957
Bossembele via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. Roy B. Snyder	October 20
Bouca via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr.	October 22
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	

### ARGENTINA—

Sharon Louise Churchill	October 5, 1959
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Viki Jo Cover	October 9, 1955
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Mrs. Donald E. Bishop	October 24
I. Arias 3360, Castelar, F.N.D.F.S., Argentina, S. A.	

### BRAZIL—

Mrs. John W. Zielasko	October 28
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.	

### MEXICO—

Mrs. A. L. Howard	October 7
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.	
Daniel Edward Edmiston	October 11, 1952
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	
Douglas Allen Edmiston	October 22, 1959
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Martin Paul Guereña	October 31, 1960
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	

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James Stephen Beaver	October 1, 1949
c/o Mrs. Hope Wolf, 3630 Hope Street, Huntington Park, California	
Mrs. Edmund M. Leech	October 2
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Rev. George A. Johnson	October 5
c/o Don Vnasdale, 195 Rowland Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio	
Timothy Roy Burk	October 8, 1958
11259 Pope Avenue, Lynwood, California	
John Wayne Beaver	October 14, 1948
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Mrs. Bill A. Burk	October 18
11259 Pope Avenue, Lynwood, California	
Rev. J. Paul Dowdy	October 18
101—4th Street, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Mrs. Don A. Spangler	October 20
101—4th Street, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Ann Jeanette Goodman	October 27, 1948
231 Linden Way, Sunnyside, Washington	



the throne of grace is granted only to those who have had the blood applied to their hearts. The blessings and privileges God has for men are in the person of His Son. So He deals with men solely on the basis of His Son: "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14). To call upon God in dire need will not avail if one has never accepted Christ.

Then we know also that deliberate known sin in the life forbids one to pray so that the Lord will hear. When one cannot pray with assurance because fellowship is broken by sin having been admitted into the life, answers will not come or prayers be heard until sin is confessed and put away. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me" (Ps. 66:18). Surely there must be many Christians with the windows of heaven closed to them.

Selfish motives hinder greatly. "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss" (James 4:3). The chief end in prayer should be that God be glorified and not that men be benefitted primarily. A minister's wife might pray that her husband become pastor of a large church, not so much to reach more souls as to enhance her own position and standard of living. This is selfish praying.

Unbelief hinders the answer to prayer. Assurance only comes to those who pray in faith. The simple fervent prayer of faith has wrought wonders in the lives of all my readers, I am sure. God grant it may continue to be true. ▼

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Left to right: Bobby, Donnie, and David Whitcomb with Connie seated.

## OUR LOVE AND GOD'S LOVE

By Mrs. John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Winona Lake, Indiana

Excitement was running high! At 4:27 p.m. we were to meet Daddy at the South Bend airport. Two and a half long weeks ago we had seen him leave for a Bible Conference ministry in California, and now we were anxious to welcome him home again. Bobby, Connie, and Donnie were strapped into their safety belts, and David was waiting for us to pick him up at the Brethren Elementary School in Warsaw. The big day had finally arrived and there was much excited chatter about what each was going to tell Daddy.

It was then that I heard four-year old Connie say: "Do you know what I'm going to do when I see Daddy-dear? I am going to love him all day long, and all the next day, and all the days of days, and even when there are no more days!" As my heart thrilled at that little heart so filled with love, I could not but think of the perfect love of the gracious Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Gal. 2:20). Our human love at best is limited and weak, but His love is strong and unchanging, and it endures throughout eternity, and even though we are not worthy objects of that love. The Apostle John wrote of Christ: "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end [uttermost]" (John 13:1).

All true human love, even the love of a little child for her Daddy when it is enlightened by the Holy Spirit, comes from the heart of a God who is perfect love. May we learn what it means to love Him more so that we might know something of the joy that may be experienced when we "love one another with a pure heart fervently" (I Pet. 1:22). ▼

Compiled by Mrs. Robert Deloe, editor  
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## WMC News

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT.** On May 9, 1963 about 230 women met at the North Long Beach Church for a wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, and praise proving that we are "Kept by His Power" each day of our lives. We were challenged by each song and by each speaker of the day.

In our opening devotion, Wanda Klingler read Psalm 121:1 to 8 and I Peter 1:3 to 5, and then challenged us to look up all the "trust" verses in the Bible so that His power might be manifest in our lives.

Fay Hutchens inspired us further with the singing of "It Took a Miracle," after which Mrs. Bruce But-ton told us how she had been "Kept by His Power." She reminded us that God still does hear and answer prayer, so we must not grow weary in praying for our unsaved loved ones and friends.

In the afternoon Isobel Fraser, our prayer chairman, challenged us to be "Kept by the Power of God." in spiritual goals, prayer time, reading of God's Word, and family altar, reminding us again that God can open eyes that are blind and ears that are dull of hearing. As a fitting close to this devotional, Neva Schlange sang "Open Mine Eyes" as a prayer.

Each retiring officer was given a beautiful flower which she in turn pinned on the new officer before they were escorted to the platform for the installation service. The retiring president, Neva Schlange, was in charge of the service. She challenged the new officers with Ephesians 6:5-8, asking all the women to pray for them and work with them for the glory of God.

The new officers are: President, Althea Miller; vice president, Mabel Peek; secretary, Betty Williams; assistant secretary, Phyllis Dedrickson; treasurer, Jayne Reuter; prayer chairman, Wanda Klingler.

Just before the last challenge of the day by Vivian Altig, of Brazil, Dorothy Levering sang, "No One Understands Like Jesus." Mrs. Altig likened His power to a transmitter, stating that the missionaries are the

transmitters and the people at home are the power supply. The transmitter cannot work without the power supply.

Missionaries need power to go. They must love the Lord with all of their hearts and want others to love Him too. We, as the people at home have the power to give so that the missionaries will have the money to live, and money for literature and schools to train the nationals. Power in prayer—once more we heard how the Lord answers prayer, often before we ask, or perhaps we must wait—but no matter when the answer comes, we must pray without ceasing and without excuse.

How wonderful to know that we are "Kept by His Power." ▼

Helen Soverns, District assistant secretary

## The Christian . . .

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through a big window. As papa drove in the driveway, mamma was getting the little babe to the door to meet papa as he came in the door. Verily, such a scene is worth a million dollars of anyone's money.

### The Husband

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). The church is the bride of Christ. Verily, our Lord is so jealous over His bride that He will not let you flirt with the world and if you seek to flirt with the world, James calls you a spiritual adulterer. Let a wife who has a husband who is jealous over her, rejoice and appreciate it and not let another man touch her.

And husband, when you come home at night remember; your wife has been in the home all day and she is weary. She dropped a bottle of milk this morning and had to clean up a terrible mess. She tried so hard to make that birthday cake for you and the thing didn't come out right and she is just feeling blue. Now don't you come home growling like an old bear; don't you hide behind a newspaper and just grunt once in a while. The Bible says for you to "live joyfully" with your wife. ▼

## Love . . .

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were a Sunday-school teacher. When I told her that I was, she said, "I thought so!" Then she showed me in her little white Testament where she had looked up the reference about the Easter story which we had read in devotions. Then, another day, to demonstrate the influence that the Bible has upon the lives of those with whom it comes in contact, I read the story about a rich Frenchman in the South Pacific Islands who constantly ridiculed the Bible to an old Christian chieftain. The chieftain listened long and patiently, and when the Frenchman finished, the chieftain calmly and quietly told him: "You can never change my mind about the Bible, if it weren't for the Bible, you'd have been in my pot a long time ago." Some of the children didn't seem to quite understand this, and before I knew what was happening, the supervising teacher, who was not a Christian but who was definitely effected by our devotions, spoke up and was explaining to the children how the Word of God changed people's lives for the good, and how it definitely had influenced the chieftain's life.

Still another time, I asked the boys and girls if they knew the longest word in the Bible. Then I told them that my third-grade teacher long ago had given me this particular information, and I had never forgotten it. It is found in Isaiah 8:1 and is the name of Isaiah's son, Maher-shalalhashbaz. That day, two spelling papers came in with the name Maher-shalalhashbaz at the top of the page, bringing a smile to my face.

The crowning touch to it all though was the way the Lord lovingly blessed in providing the student teacher with a genuine African speaker and missionary doctor. He sent our own Simon-Pierre Nambozouina and Dr. Floyd Taber to substantiate our Social Studies lesson unit about Africa. The seven sections of the sixth grade which attended the assembly, graciously applauded and enthusiastically whistled after an hour of testimony of His great love for his people, and a question and answer period regarding the work in Africa. ▼





For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10.

### **Serving My Master by My Daily Living**

**By Mrs. Hill Maconaghy**

Over a year ago, my husband and I were living just around the corner from our church in an attractive rented house in Jose Marmol. We had lived there about eight years, and it was very convenient.

Very unexpectedly the owner came to see us one day and asked us to vacate the house, for she and her family wished to return to Marmol to live. The only right thing we could do was to agree to move as soon as we could find another suitable house.

That sounds like a simple matter, but wait! Other factors entered in so that over a year was to pass before we could keep our word.

Since the Marmol congregation was organized and had their church building, we felt the time had come for the missionary to leave and a national pastor to be called by the church. But as is so often the case, the "laborers are few" and there was no national pastor available. Therefore it was decided by the Council that we look for a house in another area without a Gospel testimony, but close enough to Marmol to continue looking after it until a national pastor be available.

Seeking the Lord's guidance, we found two such areas and began looking for a house to rent or buy in the larger area. Days, weeks, and months passed, many hours of which were spent trying to find, as a missionary friend put it, the right house in the right place for the right price. Every-

thing we found was either too small for our purpose, or too large and expensive. These are days of inflation in Argentina, and prices are away up in the clouds.

I must confess that at times we nearly despaired of ever finding what we needed. The deadline for moving was drawing near, and we had promised as Christians to keep our word. We wanted to give a good testimony for the Lord and His Gospel, but we still didn't know where we were going.

During this time the Lord impressed upon me more than ever a

able house in the first area, we turned our attention more definitely to the second. This is an entirely residential community, quite different from the first, but well-populated. At last, just a short time before our "deadline" the Lord led us to a house, which although not large, we believe will be suitable.

What a joy it was to be able to turn over the keys of the Marmol house to the owner and at the same time give her a testimony and a Bible.

Through this experience the Lord made me realize again that He *knows* our every need, that He is *able* to supply it, and that we can depend upon Him to do it in His time.

Girls, in our everyday lives, in everything that concerns us, may we follow the prescription that Paul gives us in Philippians 4:6 and 7: "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in *every thing* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." It works! ▼

**All district officers (past and present), don't miss the "District Officers' Parade" at National conference—fiftieth anniversary.**



Mrs. Maconaghy

verse that had always been precious to me: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: *because he trusteth in thee*" (Isa. 26:3). Also this promise in John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

Because we could not find a suit-

# Reporting!

**DAYTON, OHIO**—Teresa Potter, secretary, reports that the Junior SMM girls of the First Brethren Church held a talent show along with their meeting for their mothers and the WMC ladies. Another month they had a progressive dinner at the homes of four of the girls.

**TROY, OHIO**—The skit *SMM Countdown* was given by the Middler and Senior groups for the mothers at their Mother and Daughter Banquet. The Juniors and Little Sisters sang a welcome song and handed out awards.

**KITTANNING, PA.**—Deborah Craig, secretary, says the Junior SMM, whose patroness is Mrs. Don Rough, has an average of twenty-one girls each month. In working toward their district project, they made posters of a completely furnished Grace dorm room, and displayed these posters Sunday morning in church. In December they combined Christmas caroling with tract distribution.

**CANTON, OHIO**—The Junior SMM girls saved their birthday money each month and donated it to the organ fund for their new church.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for the new Sisterhood officers who will be elected at National Conference by you SMM girls.
2. Pray that God will help you to serve your master by your daily living. You can be sure much prayer and Bible study is necessary.
3. Praise the Lord that the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" if you are anxious for nothing, but in everything "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" you let your requests be made known to God.
4. Pray that the Lord will guide you to pray for one Brethren foreign missionary each day.

The organ is to be in memory of their former patroness, Mrs. June Lee. They also embroidered "Grace Brethren" on dish towels for their new church. Calendars were made from construction paper crosses with Bible verses and were given to their mothers.

**WOOSTER, OHIO**—The Junior SMM have purchased gifts for the Mission Chest for girls their own ages in addition to articles for the missionaries themselves. They bought toys for the cradle roll and gave money toward the Calvert course for LuAnn Maycumber.

**WATERLOO, IOWA** — The Waterloo Senior SMM girls have memorized the foreign missionary name list by using it at each meeting. Carole Willson also says that they had a surprise personal shower for Sharon Aeby, their pastor's daughter. ▼

## FIFTY YEARS OF SMM

Don't miss this *important—big—happy—wonderful—joyous* celebration of the fiftieth anniversary at the National SMM conference, Winona Lake, Indiana.

A "golden souvenir program" will be given to each SMM girl attending conference.

All alumni of SMM are invited to attend the sessions, but *you* are special guests at the SMM-WMC tea, August 15, 3:30 p.m.

*A pilgrimage—don't miss it at SMM fiftieth anniversary conference. We are going for a "walk."*

## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

1. All back awards must be obtained from the literature secretary by October 1, 1963.
2. The new program packets have now been sent out to the patronesses of 1962-63. If you will not be a patroness for 1963-64, please give the packet to the new patroness. Also, if you have not received a packet, it may be that we do not have a record of your group or that we have an incorrect address. Inform the national literature secretary of this and ask for your free packet.

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## Suggested Program for September

### Bible Study:

"The SMM girl is 'lovable' like Rachel"  
Junior—Mrs. Lester Smitley  
Middler—Mrs. S. C. Grubb  
Senior—Mrs. John Neely

### Mission Study:

"Serving My Master by My Daily Living"  
Mrs. Hill Maconaghy

Memory Verses:  
I John 4:19  
I John 4:11  
I John 4:7



# Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

Compiled by Dave

Hocking, National

Youth Director

## PASTORS vs. TEEN-AGERS

We continue our discussion of the NSSA youth survey by looking at the reaction of the teen-agers in comparison to the pastors of the churches from which they dropped out. This is an interesting evaluation of the importance and effectiveness of the various church agencies.

Many of the dropouts said that dislike for one or more of the agencies of the local church contributed to their leaving. (However, it is interesting that 19.3 percent had no complaint with the church agencies.) Sunday school was the agency that teens disliked the most, and camps were disliked the least. Pastors, on the other hand, marked Sunday schools as five out of seven. In other words, they supposed that teens would be fairly well satisfied with Sunday school.

Dropouts marked socials as number four out of the seven, but pastors thought that the young people would have the least complaints about socials. Pastors were consistent in marking prayer meeting as the aspect of the church more disliked by young people. But not so, say the teens, who rated prayer meeting fifth. The pastors may have felt that the teens were absent from prayer meeting because they disliked it. But, the young people may have rated it low on the "dislike list" simply because they do not even go much to prayer meeting in the first place. Either that or they like prayer meeting more than adults think they do.

The most glaring clash between the pastors and the teen-agers as they related their views was the very first item on the teen-ager's list. Young people want more church-related activities. But pastors seem unaware of the concern of youth for more youth activities. To them (pastors), this was a factor of little significance; it was number twelve—more than halfway down the list. It may be helpful to notice the order of activities which the teen-agers would like the church to provide.

1. Sports.
2. Socials and outings.
3. Pastor's instruction classes.
4. Camps.
5. Banquets.
6. Weekday clubs.

It would be interesting if another survey could be taken to find out how many young people presently in the church who have been reached through the above activities.

## Brethren Youth Conference

Your prayers for the work of the Brethren youth conference, August 11-18, will be greatly appreciated. We are trusting the Lord for the greatest conference yet in the lives of our young people. Pray for Rev. Dean Fetterhoff as he brings the challenge each day on the theme "On Call."

If possible, we would love to see you at the Saturday night youth rally in the Winona Lake Auditorium as our young people present a program which you won't want to miss. You will also have an opportunity to view the 1963 winners in National Achievement Competition, including the championship Bible quiz.

Above all else, don't forget to remember our fagot service to the Lord in prayer. Some of the great decisions of God's dear servants down through the years have been made at these very sacred services. As you view this typical "Victory Circle" and the campfire in the middle, may the Lord lay the burden of prayer upon your heart.



"Victory Circle"

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# THE HERALD

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# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## How Has America Survived as a Free Nation?

Why has America not become another Germany or Russia? All of the conditions and contributing factors to affect this disaster have been present. The average American has little conception of the subversivism, liberalism, crime, and immorality which have been gradually eroding and destroying the foundations upon which our Nation is built.

In thirty-eight volumes comprising 20,000 pages, the "Martin Dies Story" presents a summary of the New Deal alliance with world communism, especially in the 1933-1945 period. So incredibly closely has America been associated with the communist movement that it is only a miracle of God's grace that our Nation is not a communist satellite today.

Mr. Dies writes: "Few are left who know the entire story. Some lips have been sealed by death, others by fear. . . . This is a silence I have decided to break.

A whole generation of Americans knows practically none of the facts related here. . . . If our children do not learn of these incredible blunders they are doomed to repeat them."

A few excerpts from these volumes show the important nature of this material.

In August 1938 Chairman Dies was urged by President Roosevelt to drop his investigation of communism in the CIO. Said the President: "The Communists have just as much right in the CIO as anyone else. The point is that Mr. Lewis is considerably disturbed by your proposed hearings."

In 1940 Dies presented a list of several hundred known Communists serving on the Federal payroll to the President. He was furious and said: "I do not believe in communism any more than you do, but there is nothing wrong with Communists in this country. Several of the best friends I have are Communists."

Said Mr. Dies: "I told him in detail what was going on inside the Government. I told him the Communists were stealing everything they wanted from Government files. . . .

"The President said: 'I do not agree with you. I do not regard the Communists as any present or future threat to our country; in fact, I look upon Russia as our strongest ally in the years to come.'"

Even recently an Under-Secretary of State, George Ball, said: "There is no opposition to communism as an ideology, or to Fabian gradual Socialism, by this Administration."

Recent policies of the U. S. Government in connection with Cuba; the present nuclear test-ban talks; the present deceptive palaver between Mr. Khrushchev and our Chief Executive along with the more liberal and socialistic program of our Government indicate that present attitudes are much the same as they were in the days of F.D.R.

More than twenty years after that tragedy, we know that our President knew of the plans to attack Pearl Harbor and apparently did little or nothing to prepare a defense. As a result many lost their lives and millions of dollars were lost in property destruction. How can the leaders of this Nation justify such actions?

Our currency has been so debauched by our Government through its fiscal policies that one of our strongest weapons, the dollar, may become our worst enemy.

The F.B.I. crime report for 1962, just released, shows a general increase in crime of 6 percent over 1961. In the past five years crime has increased four times faster than the rate of our population. The crime clock records four serious crimes per minute. In the last ten years crime has increased over 100 percent. How can America survive this annual increase in criminal activity?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the basic and most effective force God uses to meet and defeat atheism, socialism, and the sins of the flesh. Yet compared to our population growth we are not now meeting this need through an increased gospel testimony.

In the sovereignty of God, He has planned at least to this point in history to keep America a free nation so that His prophetic purposes may be achieved. The facts set forth in this editorial are only indicative of the mass of evidence available which indicate that if it were not for the grace of God, Americans today would be living under a communist regime. At this moment we are just one step from communism. Our President *today* possesses the power, if he decides to use it, to become a virtual dictator.

God has given His true church this day and hour, selected from all others in the history of man, to take full advantage of its opportunities to spread the good news of salvation and spiritual victory in Christ. If the church fails in this opportunity, our Lord may withdraw His sovereign hand of restraint and the Red tide may engulf us. *Now* we have all the resources necessary for world evangelization.

Will we shoulder the responsibility and assure the survival of our Nation until Jesus comes?

# Dedication Tops Five Year Ministry in Toppenish

BY DON FARNER, PASTOR

The Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Washington, reached a crowning point in its history on June 30, 1963, when the new church was dedicated to the Lord. Dr. L. L. Grubb, secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., was chosen for the dedication speaker. The dedication day arrived after a gradual culmination of events beginning over five years ago with a Bible class in the home of Mr. Lowell Parton.

Our people, pastors from the Northwest district, and friends of the community met together for a capacity crowd to share in this happy occasion. Each Brethren pastor present had some part in the dedication service. Rev. Howard Mayes, Yakima, Washington, was the songleader, and Rev. W. Carl Miller, Harrah, Washington, led in the invocation. Rev. George Christie, Grandview, Washington, read the Scripture, and Rev. Leslie Moore, Sunnyside, Washington, offered the pastoral prayer.

The building was constructed by

the pastor, Don Farner, and a former construction crew member, Lester Keyser, supervising the work with many others helping with the labor. Brother Keyser led in the dedicatory prayer.

The plans for the building were drawn by Mr. Gordon Nickell, architect in that area, who closed the service with the benediction.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, also of The Brethren Home Missions Council,

Winona Lake, Indiana, met with the Bible Class in its beginning days and encouraged us to look ahead with the purpose in mind of establishing a church in Toppenish. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pomerinke was opened for the meeting of the Bible class. When this home was not available, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Green was always opened to us.

Sometime later a two-acre parcel of land with a home was purchased for \$17,200 near the new Kirkwood Elementary School. The home then served as a chapel-parsonage until last December when we moved to our new building. This was the first time the parsonage became a parsonage indeed.

The new church is a split-level frame building. The beginner, primary, junior, and intermediate departments meet on the lower floor while the nursery, young people, and adult departments meet on the upper floor. We have space for a Sunday school of 200. The cost of the build-

Pastor and Mrs. Don Farner. Center: Ernest Pomerinke home, first meeting place and the Parsonage-Chapel. Bottom: Ground-breaking, building under construction and the newly-dedicated church.





## Brethren Home Missions

ing, property developments, and furniture was \$33,000 for 5,700 square feet of floor space.

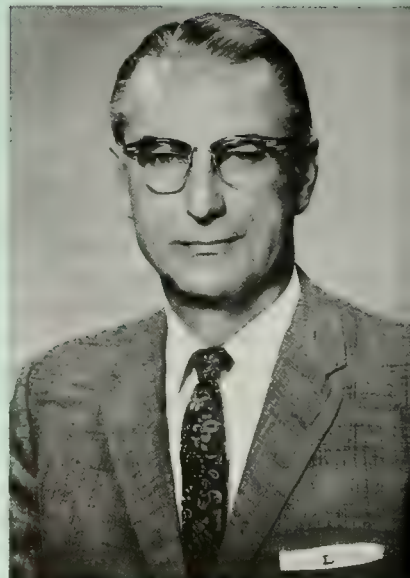
It is with a heart of gratitude and appreciation we mention some who have assisted in this work during the last five years. In the early stages the Harrah Church supported their pastor in organizing and teaching the Toppenish Bible Class. Later a number of men helped on the building program. The churches of the Northwest district cooperated and helped us through their district mission program. Without the help of The Brethren Home Missions Council and the Brethren Investment Foundation, we could not have dedicated a new church in Toppenish. We realize that Brethren all over America have given and loaned their money that we might have these facilities, and our thanks go out to you with a prayer that God will bless each one of you. *Thanks also to you Minute Men.*

We feel that our Brother Keyser was God's man for the hour in

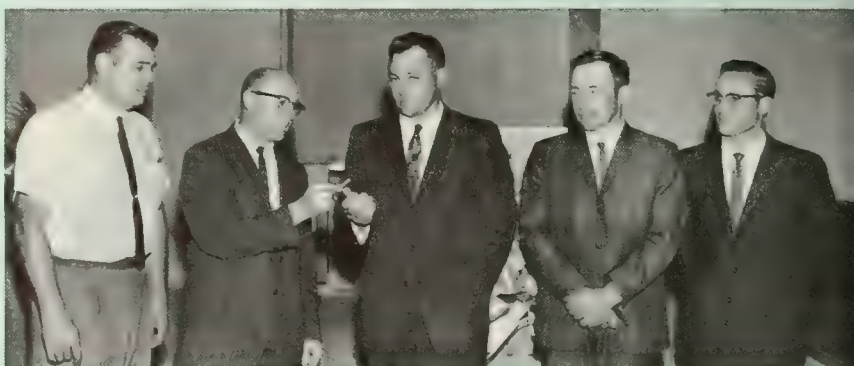
our building program. This faithful man did his work well. He and Mrs.

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Dr. L. L. Grubb, Dedication Speaker, Presentation of keys, left to right. Clair Floyd, Pastor Don Farner, Mel Curfman, Lowell Parton, and Dan Green. The new Toppenish Church. Mr. Lester Keyser co-building superintendent. The circular pictures that follow represent various volunteer activities that kept the building program rolling and cut down the cost. Page 397 group pictures, top down left: Mrs. Paul Schacht, Beginners, Mrs. Lowell Parton, Primary, Miss Rosemary Everett, Primary and Mr. Melvin Curfman, Junior boys. Top down right: Mrs. Melvin Curfman, Intermediate girls, Mr. Dan Green, intermediate boys, Mrs. Dan Green, young people, and Lowell Parton, adults.



Dr. L. L. Grubb



Lester Keyser







# Taos "Let Freedom Ring"

A new sound filled the Taos Valley this year on the Fourth of July when bells were heard ringing in an effort to muffle the sound of firecrackers. The *Taos News* devoted a large section of one page to some interesting bells in the area. One of these was the bell at the Canon Brethren Church which was a gift from one of our SMM groups.

Two men, Eric Hatch and Eric Sloane, of Connecticut, have formed a "Committee of the Two Erics to Let Freedom Ring on Independence Day," and made bells available for distribution to the Indians of Taos. It was through Rev. Sam I. Horney, our missionary to Taos, that the 350 bells were secured for distribution to the Pueblo Indian children.

This committee is trying to revive an early custom of ringing bells on July 4 that has been lost in America. In a letter to Rev. Sam Horney, Eric Sloane said: "I wish I could buy good big bells, but postage for all the letters have been a financial handicap for a working painter." He now receives letters at the rate of more

than a thousand a week and Mrs. Sloane answers them the best she can.



Rev. Sam I. Horney and the Pueblo leaders distributing 350 bells to the Pueblo children.



The photos of the bell distribution were taken by the *Taos News* and used in their paper.



## Taos Launches VBS

Taos, New Mexico, launched its summer VBS program July 8 with 140 enrolled, and with more boys than girls in attendance. After two weeks in Taos the school moved to Ranchitos.

Miss Cathy Little, of Chico, California, and Miss Linda Holmes, of Grandview, Washington, are assisting in the VBS program and are sponsored by the Brethren Youth Council.

The theme for the school course is "Traveling God's Highway."

### LEGEND

Top: Staff members: Linda Holmes, Cathy Little, Beth Horney, Celina Mares, Mrs. Helen Maestas, Clorinda Lucero, and Patricia Vigil. Bottom: Entire VBS with staff.







# ISRAEL CALLS!



## The Day of Preparation

By Isobel Fraser

Today is the day of preparation for our Jewish people in which they prepare to observe the Passover. Tonight at sundown Pesach begins and the first Seder (feast) is held. I was out calling door-to-door this morning but gave up after about an hour, for everyone was too busy to talk. So, since I cannot inform the Jewish people about the true meaning of Pesach, I decided to come home and talk to you folk through the *Missionary Herald* by means of an article.

The past few weeks, the Jewish housewives have been cleaning their homes (perhaps this is where the traditional spring cleaning comes from) and getting out their Passover dishes. A pious Jewess has an entirely different set of dishes that she uses during this eight-day festival. There is also a means of making kosher (ritually clean) some utensils that are considered unclean, as is, and not usable for Passover. Then there is the cooking to be done, for the Seder is the heart of Passover. Special dishes! Such delicacies! But above all the house must be devoid of all leaven, and even of foods not considered kosher enough for Passover, perhaps because of certain ingredients or way of preparation.

Yesterday I became a Pesachah goy; that is, a gentile who is given foods that had to be out of the house before Passover. These foods could not be given to another Jewish person, even if such a one did not observe the traditions of Passover. One Jewess who attends our luncheon get-togethers keeps a strictly kosher home. She asked if I would be willing to receive the food that she must remove from her home, and so I picked it up yesterday. Now, I have all kinds of bread, beet borsch, spinach borsch (never tried before), sweet and sour peppers, chop suey (kosher style), jello, baked apple. I

told my Jewish friend, this is one time it "pays" to be a *shiksa* (gentile girl). She thought she had given me everything, but if not she would call me about 6:00 a.m. (!), for everything must be out of the house that was not kosher for Pesach by 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the day of preparation.

I was just interrupted by a little elderly man ringing my door bell. He wanted to sell me on an upholstering job. Not in the market! As he was leaving, I wished him a happy Pesach, and he returned the greeting. I thanked him, but told him I was a *shiksa*. "A Yiddisher *shiksa*?" "Yes, because I believe in *Mechiach* [Messiah]. I believe that Jesus is Messiah." "We believe that Messiah is coming." "I do too, but as King Messiah. He came the first time to be our corban [sacrifice]." "He came once, he can't come again." "Oh, yes! Tenach [Old Testament] says: 'We shall look upon him whom we have pierced!'" By that time he was off the porch, and I called after him, "Happy Pesach!"

Sunday evening three Jewish friends attended the service at the Inglewood church with me. The message by Pastor DeArney was most appropriate for this season of the year. He had been preaching through the Book of The Revelation and the message this night happened (?) to be on the eleventh chapter which deals with the two witnesses in Jerusalem during The Tribulation period. These we believe are Elijah and Moses, who are also the two most important Old Testament saints in the Passover ritual. Moses, of course, because he is their leader out of the bondage in Egypt and the one to whom God gave directions for the first Passover. At the Seder table there is always a glass of wine for Elijah. The following is a quotation

from the *Haggadah* (service for the Seder).

**Leader:** "Jewish tradition states that Elijah's greatest mission shall come when the Messiah will appear on earth to usher in the long-promised era of permanent peace and tranquility. For, it will be Elijah, the prophet, who will precede the Messiah and will announce his arrival and with it, the arrival of freedom and peace for all men.

**Participant:** "On this Seder night, when we pray for freedom, we invoke the memory of the beloved Elijah. May his spirit enter our home at this hour, and every home bringing a message of hope for the future, faith in the goodness of man, and the assurance that freedom will come to all. We now welcome Elijah, beloved guest at our Seder, as we rise.

(All rise. One person opens the front door of the house, leaving it open for the recitation that follows.)

As we returned to my car after the church service, I remarked that the pastor could not have had a more appropriate message since Pesach was to start the next night. These women all attend our various services and several have been attending the Sunday evening church service with me quite regularly. There are several others that attend at times. Remember Mrs. L— especially, for she says that she would "convert" if it were not for her daughter. May her desire be to please God, and not her daughter.

Because of Passover, I used Exodus, chapters 11 through 13, as my discussion topic in two of our luncheon get-togethers. When we came to Exodus 12:45, I pointed out why I a gentile was not permitted to participate in a Passover Seder. First of all, because I was not an adherent of the Old Testament law and ritual, and because Jesus is my Passover. For

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## VANDALIA HOLDS CORNERSTONE SERVICE

The Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio, held a special Cornerstone Laying Service on Sunday, August 4, 1963. Dr. L. L. Grubb, Brethren Home Missions Council secretary was the speaker for the occasion. Assisting in the service was Pastor Sherwood Durkee and members of the Brethren construction crew.



## Home Mission Field Reports

**WHEATON, ILLINOIS** — Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, for three years Indiana's district missionary to the Chicago area, will assume the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Wheaton, Illinois, on September 1, 1963.

**RIALTO, CALIFORNIA**— (Gerald Polman, pastor). We are starting the first unit of our building expansion program and have the floor poured with the rough plumbing in. The framework will soon be started, and our men are doing most of the work. The original building was just dedicated in May of 1962.

**HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND** —(Jerry Young, interim pastor). We began an organized visitation pro-

gram just this month (July). Last night we had a total of five teams working. Sunday evening thirteen people rededicated their lives to Christ.

**CUBA, NEW MEXICO**—(James McClellan, Supt.). Donna Gilkerson will be teaching in the Navajo Boarding School here in place of LaDonna Smith Malles when the new 1963-64 term begins within a few days.

**ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**—(Robert Salazar, pastor). We are nearing completion of our building expansion program started just thirteen weeks ago. We are currently working on the interior and expect to pour the floor next week (Aug. 5).

## Dedication . . .

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Keyser both helped in teaching and in our visitation program.

Then at just the time when I was unable to work on the building, the Lord sent us Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Glenn. Mr. Glenn was able to take my place, and the building program continued full speed ahead.

Many others than those mentioned helped in some way, and we feel that everyone who made a contribution to Toppenish work was important in the Lord's work. I am convinced that if we were really serious about the Lord's program for this age, we could do twice as much. We need more dedicated people to meet the need of dedicating more new churches.



This beautiful church building located in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, was made possible by investments and savings in the Brethren Investment Foundation. Such funds have also made possible many other similar buildings in recent years.

## WHAT INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS IN THE BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION WILL DO

Funds are greatly needed in the expansion program of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and also in the erection of the Grace College dormitory. Money loaned to the Foundation is the key to our home-mission program.

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# One Munich After Another

Editorial by George Putnam

(H. M. Ed. Note: It is this editor's opinion that Mr. George Putnam is the most outstanding news commentator and editor in the southwest at this time. His clear conservative evaluations of national and international problems have stimulated the thinking of many complacent Americans who have seemed content to allow the subversive and liberal forces in this Nation to sweep their freedoms away. We need more men like Mr. Putnam who have the public ear and the use of communications media to arouse America to the gravest national danger in its history.)

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It is this reporter's opinion that the time has come for our leaders to begin to act for the very survival of America. For it is frighteningly apparent that the United States is drifting into the same policies of appeasement as those in England under Neville Chamberlain, and that we are experiencing one Munich after another.

Today, we face the same problems that confronted us before World War II—a pushing, aggressive Hitler—an over cautious and indecisive West. Again we fail to understand the proper use of power, and a creeping encroachment has resulted. The world still respects strength. We appear to give it weakness. We do not lack power. We lack the will to use it. Power can be a deterrent not only to nuclear attack, but also to communist expansion. But the power must be real, and we must use it wisely and with absolute firmness in defense of the Western world and those things we hold dear.

The ancient Chinese had a word for it—"Use power to curb power." In today's troubled world we appear only as great as our leaders and their will to lead us. But too often it appears that the people of America stand ahead of their leaders. Indeed, it would appear that we face a vacuum in leadership.

So-called leaders in this Nation appear to be bending over backward to please minorities and appease enemies. On the one hand, they buy elections—on the other, they buy time. We have surrendered the initiative to the Communists and our leaders speak of risks. Why can't they realize that the greatest danger faced is the fact that meekness, vacillation, and indecision encourage the aggressor to overplay his hand, bringing ever closer to us the catastrophe we could avert?

Where might we begin? We might now begin by telling the world that the Monroe Doctrine lives, and that we will enforce it. We could breathe life into the words of our President when he said: "Communism is not negotiable in this hemisphere, and we will drive it out by any means necessary." We could tell the Russians to get out of Cuba and take their armaments with them, or we will blockade Cuba and, if necessary, invade Cuba. The people of this Nation can stand the truth. Our leaders can now tell them the whole truth. The American people know what many in our Government fail to realize—that when you make concessions to bullies, security is lost by inches, and it is the bully who dictates the terms—and eventually, dictates the peace. And our President might now recall what James Monroe wrote to Thomas Jefferson in 1822. Monroe was explaining his decision to risk European anger by recognizing the revolutionary governments of South America.

Monroe wrote to Jefferson: "There was danger in standing still. There was danger in moving forward. I thought it the wisest policy to risk that which was incident to moving forward." Monroe was a cautious man. But Monroe was also a very brave man.

My friend, it is time we tell our leaders that we must change this course of appeasement. It is time we tell them that we know cowardice is not limited to the lowly—that cowardice is also found in high places—that we are not concerned with their evaluation of political consequences—that we put the security of this great Nation above politics or business as usual—that the time has come no

longer to talk big and carry a toothpick—that we will not submit to blackmail in the name of economic or military or foreign aid—that we will not submit to the disease of cowards—and that we are willing to lay our joys and comforts and Cadillac on the line—are willing to give our all as did Washington and Hancock and Jefferson and Lincoln and Nathan Hale, who regretted that he had only one life to give for his country. It is time we act for the very survival of this great Nation.

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## Israel Calls . . .

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me to observe the Seder would in a measure be saying that Messiah Jesus was not sufficient. Also, it would be no more right for me to participate in a Jewish ritual than for me to ask them to participate in communion, a Christian ritual. This opened quite a discussion, and some Passover experiences were shared.

I was surprised to learn that one Jewess had thought that the *mezuzah* (metal container that has a scroll with certain Old Testament Scripture written on it) was what the destroyer saw on the door and consequently passed over the Jewish home. It was pointed out that the blood of the lamb applied in obedience to God's command brought deliverance to the Israelite firstborn. God again is going to bring judgment upon the world, but upon those who have applied the blood of God's Lamb, Messiah Jesus, God's wrath will pass over.

One Jewess in particular accepts the Old Testament merely as the words of man, and let this be known in no uncertain terms. Although it created a slight problem for a time, another Jewess took her to task, not only taking a stand for the Old Testament, but also for the New Testament. And she is not yet a believer!

Yes; this is the Jewish day of preparation—for the "physical" Passover—but they also need to be made aware that this is the "day" of preparation for the "spiritual" Pesach.



# CHURCH NEWS

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**ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.** The district youth rally will be held Sept. 13-14 at the 4-H camp near Bittering, Md.

**NOTICE.** All Brethren pastors having students at Wheaton College or at Moody Bible Institute correspond with Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, Grace Brethren Church, 112 S. Dorchester, Wheaton, Ill.

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.** The Grace Brethren Church has purchased property for a permanent building for its new branch church in Pompano Beach. Pastor Ralph Colburn says they have no desire for bigness. They are looking to the Lord for continued growth to keep starting new churches with the same simple Gospel, each with the same homelike atmosphere, and the same wonderful musical program.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** The Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church showed a steady increase over the same month of the previous year in their Sunday school for 47 consecutive months up through June of this year. John Burns is pastor.

**LANSING, MICH.** Rev. George Christie, of Grandview, Wash., was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Aug. 18. J. Ward Tressler, pastor.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** The First Brethren Church will celebrate its homecoming anniversary with former pastors and their wives as special guests, Aug. 24-25. James C. Sweeton, pastor.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** During July and August, Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church, is delivering a series of vespers lectures on the dangers of disarmament. These popular lectures

have received large headlines in the leading newspaper in Long Beach, and have attracted good attendances at the services.

**SEVILLE, OHIO.** Mrs. Joseph Gingrich, wife of one of our retired pastors was in an automobile accident July 29. She suffered a broken collar bone. Rev. and Mrs. Gingrich are members of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio.

**PALMYRA, PA.** There were 16 persons baptized by the pastor, Edward Lewis, of the Grace Brethren Church, June 15. The majority of those baptized became members of the church.

**TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.** Pastor Robert Firl of the Temple City Brethren Church reports a successful VBS. The school was held in the evening during July 8-12 with the closing program on July 14. There was an average attendance of more than 40, an increase over last year. An offering of \$93.15 was taken and given to the Austin's Outfit Fund. Keith Altig was the guest speaker at the closing program. He showed pictures and presented the challenge for the work in Brazil.

**CLAYTON, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church has just completed decorating the auditorium and the entrance way of the church. Attendance increased at all services during the redecorating. The new address of the new pastor, William and Mrs. Howard, is P.O. Box 8, Clayton, Ohio. The tel. is 836-6247. The Sunday school has been buying desks for the new Christian Day School in Brazil.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** Dr. Theo. Mercer, president of Bryan College, was guest speaker at the morning service on July 28 at the Canon Brethren Church. Sam I. Horney, supt. of the mission.

**MIDWEST DISTRICT.** Rev. Edward Mensinger, pastor of the Arvada Symphony Brethren Church was elected district moderator for 1963-64. Rev. Russell Williams of the Cheyenne First Brethren Church, was elected vice moderator. The conference was held at the Denver Grace Brethren Church, July 26-

28. Thomas Inman was host pastor.

**KOKOMO, IND.** Dr. and Mrs. Harold Etling of our National Sunday School Board are once again grandparents. Carl Leroy Momeyer arrived Aug. 2. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Momeyer. Mrs. Momeyer is the youngest daughter of the Etlings.

**ADDRESS CHANGES.** Rev. and Mrs. John P. Burke, 512 Stetler Ave. Akron 12, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. A. Harold Arrington, 817 Plymouth Lane, Virginia Beach, Va. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Key, 196 Saxton Rd. Mansfield, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. David Thompson, 301 W. College St., Apt. 2, Whittier, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Francis M. Brill, 201 East Boscowen St., Winchester, Va., 22601. Please change your Annual.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The Fall Youth Retreat of the First Brethren Church will be held from Sept. 6 through 8 at Camp Luz. The Retreat will close with an all-church rally and dinner. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

**INGLEWOOD, CALIF.** Rev. Charles R. Taylor, district representative of the Bible Meditation League was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church, June 4. Richard P. DeArmy, pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Bob Jones University Musical Ensemble presented a vocal and instrumental program on Aug. 23 at the North Riverdale Brethren Church.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** John M. Aeby celebrated his sixth year as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church on July 21.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 Brethren Annual are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

A. Rollin Sandy, Sidney, Ind.  
Wm. Johnson, Somerset, Pa.  
Warren Tamkin, Hagerstown, Md.  
Kenneth Teague, Roanoke, Va.  
Gerald Teeter, Findlay, Ohio



**KITTANNING, PA.** The First Brethren Church held their VBS in the evening this year. The total enrollment of pupils was 229, and 47 teachers, making a total of 276. The average was 230. The offerings were for the regular fund, \$142.22; missions, \$79.48. At the last quarterly business meeting, the choir was authorized to purchase choir robes with no expense to the church; and the trustees were authorized to purchase new carpeting for the vestibule of the church. The ceiling over the choir loft and the pulpit has been lowered, and an exhaust fan in the ceiling of the church auditorium has been installed. William H. Schaffer, pastor.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Dr. C. W. Mayes has gone on record and submitted a petition to those who wish to sign it, protesting the United States Supreme Court Decision against the reading of the Bible and the Lord's Prayer in public schools. A sample copy will be sent upon request.

**FINDLAY, OHIO.** Gerald Teeter resigned from the pastorate of the Findlay Brethren Church Aug. 4. He has accepted the pastorate of the Gay Street Brethren Church at Hagerstown, Md.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Pastor and Mrs. Robert Griffith received a food slicer from the congregation of First Brethren Church for their first anniversary in their serving the church. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs Livezey who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 25.

**BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.** The Allen Schlatter-Dave Seifert summer evangelistic team held a meeting during July 7-12 at the Good News Brethren Church, Marion Thomas, pastor. Several decisions were made. The Bowling Green Church is a branch church of the Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio.

**FREMONT, OHIO.** The Grace Brethren Church, Thomas Hammers, pastor, celebrated a special church homecoming day July 28. The guest speaker for the special occasion was

James McClellan, supt. of the Brethren Navajo Mission, Cuba, N. Mex.

**LEESBURG, IND.** A unanimous call was extended to Kenneth Koontz to serve another year as pastor of the Leesburg Brethren Church.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Dr. Harold H. Etling, director of our National Sunday School Board and president of the National Sunday School Association, will open the National Sunday School Convention, Buffalo, New York, with his presidential address on Oct. 2 in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** A girls trio from the Woodville Grace Brethren Church won first place in the citywide Youth for Christ talent contest. This same trio placed fifth in the state competition. Carrell Lynn Myers, daughter of Pastor M. L. Myers, won first place in the piano contest in the Mansfield Youth for Christ finals.

**WASHINGTON, PA.** Shimer Darr, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, reports a highly successful Allegheny district youth camp held

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Laurel Johnson and Jack Morrow, Aug. 3, Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.

Carol Richeson and Stanley Zook, Aug. 3, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Donna Kivrizis and Nolan McKnight, June 1, First Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Norma Scheerer and Larry Richeson, Aug. 10, First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Marjorie Lou Backus and Monte Eugene McKnight, Aug. 17, First Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Barbara Lee Glover and Donald F. Elmore, July 27, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Elizabeth Elaine Andlauer and Gerald H. Root, Aug. 24, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Sylvia Fink and Gene Lambright, Aug. 10, First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

at Camp Albryoca this summer. The results tabulated at the close of camp were: four first-time decisions, thirty-three rededications, and one for missionary service.

**NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.** Robert D. Whited, has accepted the unanimous call of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church to serve as pastor for his third year.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Mr. Hob Roark, Christian business man of Laura, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Aug. 11.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**WAITMAN, Mrs. Clarence** (Myrtle), 72, went home to be with her Lord July 23. She had been a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, since January 1950.

—Thomas Hammers, pastor

**HOOVER, Kimberly Sue**, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wayne Hoover of the Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa., returned July 25 to be with her Creator after an illness of three weeks.

—Shimer Darr, pastor.

**HUFFMAN, Amos**, a faithful head usher at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va., entered into the presence of his Lord July 24.

John J. Burns, pastor.

**GRAYBILL, Mrs. Elva**, 94, was loosed away upward on July 9. She was a member of the first Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

—Richard DeArmey, pastor.

**HEATON, Mrs. Clara**, 87, went to be with the Lord July 16. She had been a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, since Apr. 4, 1920.

—G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

**WALLENUS, Mrs. Hilda**, 62, was delivered into the presence of her Lord on Aug. 6. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.

—Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.





Exterior view of the completed building.



Left to right: Rev. Sherwood Durkee, Rev. Lon Karns and Dr. R. Paul Miller, the dedication speaker.

# Kettering Brethren Dedicate New Sanctuary

By Kenneth E. Herman

The Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio, climaxed the sixth anniversary of their church on Sunday, June 30, 1963, when they dedicated their new building to the glory of God.

The dedication service was exactly six years, to the day and hour, from the first meeting of the congregation. It was on Sunday, June 30, 1957, at 2:30 p.m. in the downtown Dayton Christian Activities Center where, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, thirty-five adults and nine children assembled for prayer and divine guidance in a venture of faith, which led to the organization of this new congregation. At the close of this first meeting, an offering of \$200 was given.

On July 14, 1957, the new church was duly organized under the leadership of Dr. L. L. Grubb with thirty-seven members and the official name of "Calvary Brethren Church." This new church was self-supporting from the founding. Soon after the work began Rev. Henry Barnhart was called to be the pastor. God has richly blessed his ministry at Kettering in the intervening years.

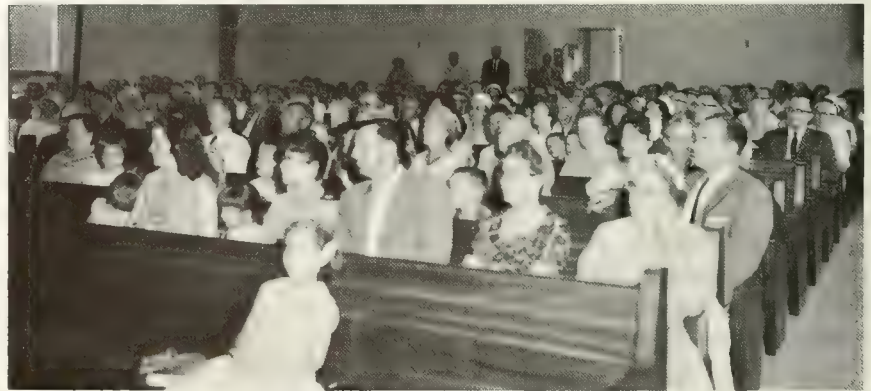
Sunday-school and church services were held regularly in the dining room area of the Christian Activities Center until January 1, 1960. At that time the congregation moved to the Rolling Fields Public School in

Kettering to be in the general area where a tract of land had been purchased for a future church building.

In planning a building program, the first contacts with local banks

for supplementary construction funds were all turned down. God worked in a mighty way however, and almost immediately without solicitation members and friends of the church began making voluntary personal loans which reached a total of \$47,550. Many cash gifts were also made in various amounts. Hearing

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The dedication congregation.



Interior view of the sanctuary.



# BEWARE THE "TWIST" IN RELIGION

By Horace Mohler

Pastor, Grace Brethren

Community Church

West Alexandria, Ohio

The grotesquely immoral phenomenon of the "twist" with its attendant bodily convulsions is nauseous to both God and right thinking men. Parents who practice, and teach their children to practice, these ungodly gyrations may have a fearful price to pay. But there are "twists" in the name of religion that are just as devastating and just as costly. These twists are authored and foisted upon Christendom by none other than "that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceived the whole world" (Rev. 12:9), who is also the creator of those other twists alluded to above.

It must be of more than passing significance that when our Lord's

disciples put to Him their intensely curious question concerning the culmination of the age, His forthright reply dealt first of all with spiritual deception—the "twist" in religion. "Take heed," He said, "that no man deceive you" (Matt. 24:4).

Significant, too, is the divine use of the word "many." "Many shall come in my name . . . deceiving many." *Many* will deceive—mouth-ing pious fraud, and *many* will be deceived. When God uses the same word twice in a single sentence, there is certainly a pregnant meaning and purpose. When that word is the one used on this occasion by Jesus Christ, we do well to take it at its face value, for it denotes *multitudes*. Multitudes are being deceived in the latter day dervish of an exotic, but frenzied, Christendom! The kingdom of heaven is a net that catches all kinds of theological fish, some of which are strange specimens indeed!

Need we be reminded that this prophetic sign is contemporaneous with us, and that we are eyewitnesses of spiritual deceit on an unprecedented scale? And that right now, by and large, men "will not endure sound doctrine"? Almost curiously the great Apostle enjoined his spiritual protege, Timothy, to preach the Word, and to do it unstintingly with inexhaustible patience in the face of mounting apostasy; and in the light of the fact that at the near extremity of the age a crescendo of unbelief would be raised when religious people would intrinsically prefer Satan's fiction to God's fact (II Tim. 4:1-4).

## *Nature of the Deception*

We should not be so naive as to suppose that all spiritual error is deliberately propagated, as such, by scheming men (even though it is by the Devil). We doubtless concede that most false teachers do subscribe to their own disseminations, which they in turn largely have got second-hand. For the essence of modern deception (although it is not news that modernism is not strictly modern) finds its motif in the oft-repeated intimation—and even insistence—that it is not what one believes that is all-important, nor what one teaches, but rather in the ethereal exemplification of a "Christian attitude." This atti-



tude charitably considers all men as brothers, and God as the winking and well-nigh cherubic Father of all, whose nature is love. He sees that man is inherently religious, and this makes His great heart feel good. The Bible does indeed contain a message from God—as does all good literature—but since He is always speaking in some way, it cannot be considered as final or conclusive. And certainly it is subject to some mildly critical, but censorious, analysis. Yet it must be treated “reverently.”

Much deception, we say, is on the plane of seeming sincerity, even though it is “sincerely wrong.” Yet such error is always the end result of a basic rejection of divine revelation and its authoritative message, which message is the Holy Scriptures.

Sin is regrettably present, admit the most of the various schools of fallacy (with one particularly notable exception). But man has the power, if he will utilize it, to rise above the disenthraling vista of wrong. What is called sin is not so much damning as dimming. The light will ultimately break forth, for the evolving spiral of truth is upward. *Homo sapiens* is his own saviour (this is not often said out loud), and this saviourhood finds means and methods in science. For in the final analysis—if God is indeed a person in the generally accepted sense at all—He is basically the personification of all that is good and shrewd in the universe.

Thus the labored, but delusive, reasoning.

Much has been made of the supposed fact that liberalism has been nonplused in its postwar appraisal of the world, and that this disillusionment has resulted in a more stable estimation of God and His works, and of theological issues generally.

But leopards are not famous for changing their spots, and theological “leopards” are no exception. Basically, the liberal resists divine illumination, and continues to rely upon empirical methods and wishful thinking. He does not mind, and does not hesitate, to evaluate and to criticize God—or the kind of God he conjures in his thinking processes—nor to “change the glory of the uncorruptable God into an image” of his own device (Rom. 1:23).

He is still as impatient as ever with his shortsighted and narrow-minded brother who remains stubbornly literal and evangelical; and still gives way at times to diatribes against fundamentalism, which is yet around and all too healthy. The new orthodoxy does have a strangely familiar sound. Modernism has not revised its dogma—or its “twist”!

### Antidote to False Religion

A thorough-going, consistently Scriptural refutation of Satan’s mischievous “twists” is the only program that will offset their insidious spread. Men must be indoctrinated in the truth by schools such as Grace Theological Seminary. Men who will go out as pastors and missionaries with the message that all men (even though religious) are eternally out of Christ and alienated from God until and unless brought into Him by faith in His shed blood (Eph. 2:3-14). Romans 1 must be vigorously used to demonstrate to men and women their natural condition of probation. A universal sinfulness (Rom. 3:10-23), rather than an innate regeneracy, must of necessity be

preached faithfully and persistently as waged warfare against the implacable “twists” of Satan, whose ministers deceive “them that perish” (II Thess. 2:10). Satan who has “blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (II Cor. 4:4).

Christian spokesmen, ministers, and laymen alike are charged with the annunciation of the Gospel, the Good News of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, and through Him only (Acts 13:38-39; 4:12) and with the proclamation that repentance (Acts 2:38), active belief in Christ (Acts 16:31), and the new birth (John 3:5), are vital to salvation. Salvation is a gift of God (Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9), to be received in effortless faith (Matt. 18:3), even though there is an exercise of the will, or consent of the mind (John 1:12; Rev. 22:17).

Nothing could be farther from the truth than the Devil’s favorite “twist”—that God will receive the well-intentioned person who is “trying” to be a Christian! He *may* be religious—but lost!

## Kettering . . .

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of this response, the National Bank of Dayton then offered to lend the balance necessary to complete the church.

While the church building was under construction, services continued in the Rollings Fields School. On August 5, 1962, the congregation moved into the unfinished building and began services. Volunteer labor on the part of members and friends completed the edifice.

Total cost of the building and lots amounted to \$120,000. An evidence of the Lord’s blessing upon this congregation is the fact that by dedication day, \$58,500 had already been paid on this investment. As the Lord prospers, a new east wing addition will add 50 percent to the seating capacity of the auditorium and provide additional classroom space.

The special speaker for the dedica-

tion service was Dr. R. Paul Miller, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Goshen, Indiana. Area pastors who participated in the service included Rev. Lon Karns, Englewood, Ohio, and Rev. Sherwood Durkee, Vandalia, Ohio. Rev. Lester Pifer brought greetings from the Brethren Home Missions Council. Special music was furnished by the Golden Tones Male Quartet of Waverly, Ohio, and the Johnson Sisters Gospel Trio.

Members of the building committee include: Luetell B. Ford, chairman; John Wesley Harvey, assistant chairman; A. Raymond Brady, Eugene E. Miller, D. Raymond Boatman, and Henry T. Barnhart, ex-officio.

The membership of the church has grown from thirty-seven to the present 146. In reflecting over the six years that this congregation has been in existence, one could say with rejoicing: “To God Be the Glory.”

(Photos by Rev. Lester Pifer and Mayfield Photos)

# Laymen's Page

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman

**INDIANA DISTRICT.** The men of the Indiana District are anticipating great things for God. At the recent district conference, George McQueen, of South Bend, Indiana, was elected president. Wayne Guthrie, Winona Lake, Indiana, was elected vice president, and Leland Larmon, also of Winona Lake, was named secretary-treasurer. Mr. McQueen has formed a "district council" consisting of a man from each church who is responsible for coordinating the district activities with the local church laymen's group.

Currently, a drive is being made to enlist men in the new district program and also make them conscious of their responsibilities as Christian laymen. Each man connected with

the local church is eligible to receive a diploma, which presents ten principles for Victorious Christian living. He also receives a membership card. (Both items are pictured below.)

On Saturday, September 7, a special "Family Day" is being planned at Winona Lake. Laymen and their families will be gathering for a mass rally.

INDIANA DISTRICT BRETHREN LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**MEMBERSHIP CARD**

1963      1964

THIS IS TO STATE THAT:

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IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING  
OF THIS FELLOWSHIP

*Geo. H. McQueen*  
PRESIDENT

**OSCEOLA, IND.** The men's fellowship of the Bethel Brethren Church had a special father and son meeting in June. It was held on the St. Joseph River where swimming and a picnic were enjoyed. George McQueen, the new Indiana district laymen's president, was the speaker. Approximately fifty were present.

On Sunday, July 7, Pastor Scott Weaver brought a special message for the laymen, emphasizing the ten points listed on the new Indiana district men's fellowship diploma. President Cecil Johnson reports that following the message, twenty men came forward and pledged their support of the new program of the district.

## Indiana District Brethren Laymen's Fellowship

INCORPORATING THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES

BERNE	ELKHART	FORT WAYNE (First)	FORT WAYNE (Grace)
GOSHEN	KOKOMO	LEESBURG	OSCEOLA
SOUTH BEND	WARSAW	WINONA LAKE	and WHEATON, ILL.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

ACTIVE MEMBER AND WILL, BY GOD'S GRACE ENDEAVOR TO ADHERE TO THE

FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

1. Each Layman should be born again and witness to others of the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Shall be faithful in the work of the church by his attendance and tithing.
3. As head of the house he should show a good example by setting up a family altar.
4. Each Layman should support his pastor and will attend the special pastor's prayer meeting each week.
5. Following the command of our Lord he must support the work of foreign and home missions.
6. Every member should encourage his brother in the Lord and live in close harmony with other members of his church.
7. The Laymen's organization must be the backbone of the Sunday School work and it is expected that each member will attend with his family.
8. As it is necessary to keep God's house and grounds in good repair, every member must help when called upon to do so.
9. The local Laymen's group are expected to bring visitors to their monthly meeting and seek to win them to the Lord.
10. It is the duty for every member to read God's Word daily and enjoy the presence of God in daily devotions.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary







## STANDING BEHIND GRACE COLLEGE

Literally and physically, the newly-elected officers of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches are standing behind Grace College, and the work of Grace Theological Seminary.

The conference was held at the First Brethren Church of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, with Rev. William Schaffer as the host pastor. Newly-elected officers standing left to right are: Rev. Dean I. Walter, pastor at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, is the new moderator; Miss Rose Snyder of Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, is statistician; Rev. H. Don Rough of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, treasurer; Rev. Clair W. Gartland, Mundys Corner, Pennsylvania, and Rev. William Schaffer are members at large to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches; and Rev. Ralph Burns, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, is the past moderator. Seated is Rev. Fred William Walter, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, the secretary of the conference.

The principal speaker at the conference was Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, director of public relations for Grace College and Seminary.



## By President Herman A. Hoyt

### GRACE SEMINARY

The writer was asked to present theological trends and their influence to a gathering of ministers. Reflecting on this matter over a period of weeks, four trends began to emerge in his thinking. These trends cover the broad pattern and gather up in them the many details present today in theological circles.

#### *The Attack Upon Supernaturalism*

This is focused upon the existence of God. Growing public sentiment against any reference to the Bible or the Christian faith in public schools merely reflects the subtle and sometimes blatant expression of unbelief in the existence of God or the supernatural. If in the minds of the leadership of the land, and especially the theological leadership, the supernatural does not exist, the general public will resist the imposition of pious frauds. This helps to explain the increasing attempts to outlaw the Bible and prayer from the public schools.

The practical atheism upon every hand is alarming. Yet this situation exists in circles where loudest lip service is given to belief in God. Paul recognized it in his day: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16). This merely confirms in the minds of most people the expressions of unbelief in the supernatural, and gives further impetus to live in utter disregard of the supernatural.

#### *The Attack Upon the Scriptures*

This centers on the question of whether God has really spoken to men, and whether we have a reliable record of His thoughts in the Bible. This attack covers a broad range. Under the guise of rethinking the doctrine of inspiration, the reexamination leads to a redefining of terms and the emptying them of their meaning. Increasing attempts to reconcile the Bible to science finally ends with a low view of the Biblical record as it speaks on scientific and historical facts, and eventually results in a low view of the entire record. Among conservatives this is becoming the chief area of attack, and books are multiplying from their pens.

From another area of Christendom the rationalizing away of the Scriptures and outright rejection is in operation. Neo-orthodoxy is perhaps the most subtle attack upon the Scriptures in our century. Its subtlety commends it to the intellectual level in theological thinking because it appears to resolve so many problems. In reality it merely cuts the cord of connection with God and moves the reader into the realm of the sub-

jective. If a man awakens in the midst of this fairyland of unreality, there is one more logical step downward; that is, utter rejection of the Scriptures as God's Word. This is the direction in which the greater segment of the church is now moving.

#### *The Attack Upon Salvation*

This attack is calculated to destroy its supernatural and gracious quality, and to do so by confusing the issues. In our day there is a new outbreak of legalism within conservative circles. It is so subtle that the average Christian does not recognize where it is going. It is intended in some cases to counteract the "easy believism" of our day, and in others the fleshly living by using the grace of God for a cloak.

Comparable with this is the invasion of sensationalism. The healing cults are multiplying and the new outbreak of so-called "speaking in tongues" is spreading. The deadness of professing Protestantism provides a fertile field for such phenomena. In areas of Protestantism where the truth has been tossed out and a dead, unemotional, ritualistic, formalism has set in, healing and tongues provide an attraction, steering people into the sideshow and away from the main tent. Spiritual immaturity, fleshly living, and utter disregard for the Scriptures characterizes these movements.

To add to this, psychiatry is making subtle inroads into Christian thinking and threatening to destroy the distinctions between the spirit and the soul. Terms such as psychotherapy and psychosomatic are becoming common, and these utterly ignore the existence of the human spirit. It is the spirit that makes it possible for a man to have concourse with God, for God is spirit. And there is only one malady of the spirit, and that is sin. Men are responsible for sin, and can find a solution to the problem of sin by coming to God through Jesus Christ. But psychiatry is turning sin into sickness for which men are not responsible, and placing the cause in the soul and body for which there is no need for supernatural aid.

#### *The Attack Upon the Second Coming*

The ecumenical movement with its emphasis upon the social gospel is growing in proportions that are astounding. This all points to the superchurch of the end time. It is patterned to produce the conclusion that it is not necessary for God to enter the world in the person of His Son to reduce the chaos to order. It insists that the sufficient solution is resident in mankind and must take the pattern of social betterment, racial integration, educational instruction, and international harmony. It proceeds on the basic assumption that all things continue as they were from the creation, and that there will be no crisis, when the present order will pass away and a new order of things will be ushered in.

The Scriptures have anticipated every one of these attacks, and diagnose the underlying reason for them. That reason is to remove the restraints upon the lusts of the flesh. Can any deny that we are seeing the effect in the lives of men everywhere today, all of which is hastening the coming day of the Lord?



# LET US JOURNEY ON

By Dr. Homer A. Kent

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This is the title of the hymn which tradition says the Brethren sang on the eve of their departure from Holland to America in 1729. About a year ago there appeared in these pages a brief account of a hymn of the early Brethren entitled *Count Well the Cost*. This hymn was written by Alexander Mack who is usually considered to be the founder of the Brethren movement. It was often sung at the services of our forefathers and graphically sets forth the situation they faced in a hostile world after they became a separate movement.

This article will consider a second hymn of importance in the early history of our church. It assumes a sober significance in the light of the crisis these Brethren faced. When the 126 Brethren were about to board the ship *Allen*, which was to take them to the New World, the song they sang gave vivid expression to the thoughts and attitudes of their hearts.

Let me present the three stanzas of this hymn which have been summarized and translated by Ruth Mary Holladay, and relate them to the experience of Mack and his loyal followers:

*Come, children of our Father, and  
let us journey on.*

*The night's on us descending, and  
dangers come ere dawn.*

*Come, courage, brothers on! Eternity  
awaits us,*

*And strength to us is given, Come,  
courage, brothers, on!*

These Brethren had already come from Schwarzenau, Germany, about the year 1720, where the Brethren movement had its origin in 1708. There is no complete answer as to why they left Schwarzenau. Persecution was doubtless part of the reason. However, Prince Henry Albert defended his policy of toleration successfully until his death in 1723. But it is true that the arrival of August David as co-regent did make

conditions more difficult. The economic situation may also have been a factor in their leaving. Wittgenstein was poor both in land and resources. Undoubtedly the lure of religious freedom was another factor involved. The most probable conclusion is that it was a combination of all these factors that influenced their decision to leave Schwarzenau.

At any rate, Alexander Mack and his followers felt it the part of wisdom to depart from Schwarzenau and go to Holland even as another group of Brethren had previously left Creyfelt for America in 1719. They went to Surhuisterveen in the northern part of the Netherlands. Into this area Mennonites of their acquaintance had preceded them even as they had done in Germantown before the followers of Peter Becker arrived at that place.

Conditions in the Netherlands did not meet their expectations, and so they cast their eyes toward the New World. In this first verse of *Let Us Journey On* we catch the feeling of urgency. They felt the call to go on. The night seemed to be descending. Hope awaited them on the distant shore where a sizable group of their brethren had already established themselves. They doubtless had received glowing reports from these brethren, which aided them in making their decision to leave Europe

behind. "Come . . . let us journey on" became their watchword.

*Our pilgrim path is narrow, but we  
are not afraid.*

*For Christ has called us forward,  
our trust in Him is laid.*

*Come follow on with joy! His  
summons we have heard,*

*And we follow toward Jerusalem.*

*Come, follow on with joy!*

Here is expressed the conviction that their impending migration was of the Lord. Therefore even though their "pilgrim path is narrow," such as the confines of a small ship, they can move forward with confidence and joy. They have heard a divine summons for their exodus, and so they "follow toward Jerusalem" as did the Israelites when they went out of Egyptian bondage toward the Promised Land. Herein is a lesson for all of God's children—seek God's guidance, and when it is revealed, follow it with all confidence and joy.

*The past we leave behind us, and  
faithfully we turn*

*To brighter things tomorrow, and  
joys we have not known.*

*One world alone is ours, when Christ  
is Lord and Master.*

*His kingdom is forever. That world  
alone is ours.*

These words must have been sung with solemn reflection that night long ago. The Brethren were about to leave behind them home, country, friends, possessions—all that this world holds dear. They would not be returning. They were burning all bridges behind them. But on the brighter side they had high hopes for the future. In leaving the unfriendly shores of Europe, they felt that they were bound for a happier prospect. And, most important, they felt they were within the will of God and would be serving "His kingdom," which is forever.

Pause then for a moment and listen to the refrain of this old song and catch the meaning of its message. Before these pioneers embarked upon their seventy-one-day journey across the Atlantic to America in a crude vessel, they sang of trust in the Lord, of hope and courage and joy. We, too, need to sing a song like this today.



Dr. Homer A. Kent

# Let Us Journey On

JOURNEY. Irregular

Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769  
Summarized and tr. by  
Ruth Mary Halladay, b. 1927

Harm. by Paul Halladay, b. 1901  
German melody

1. Come, chil-dren of our Fa-ther, And let us jour-ney on.  
2. Our pil-grim path is nar-row, But we are not a-fraid.  
3. The past we leave be-hind us, And faith-ful-ly we turn

The night's on us de-scend-ing, And dan-gers come ere dawn.  
For Christ has called us for-ward, Our trust in Him is laid.  
To bright-er things to-mor-row, And joys we have not known.

Come, cour-age, broth-ers, on! E-ter-ni-ty a-waits us,  
Come, fol-low on with joy! His sum-mons have we heard,  
One world a-lone is ours, Where Christ is Lord and Mas-ter;

And strength to us is giv-en. Come, cour-age, broth-ers, on!  
And we fol-low toward Je-ru-salem. Come, fol-low on with joy!  
His King-dom is for-ev-er. That world a-lone is ours.

Tradition says this song was sung by the Brethren at the time of their departure for America under Mack's leadership.  
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## HOW DO YOU Classify the Bible?

By Benjamin Hamilton, Th.D.

Almost every library has a card catalog. Summarizing the book stock, the 3x5 cards in the drawers supply much useful information: The number of books by any given author; the amount of available study material in various areas.

That is not all the information. Library catalog cards give facts about authors, titles, editions, details about publication, number of pages, and illustration data. Assembling these facts is not always easy. Correct identification of a book author can pose problems. Since the majority of librarians lack theological training, authorship of the Bible is a tricky subject. The solution used in library science is this: Classify the Bible with other anonymous classics!

*Anonymous classics* may be convenient for the librarian and intellectually attractive to scholars. But this term is deceptive since it misinterprets the truly distinctive fact that the Bible has a

### **Unique Authorship**

Questions concerning the identity of the men who wrote parts of the Book of books (like Judges, Kings, and Chronicles) led to the library science habit of classing the Bible as an anonymous classic. But this is not just reasoning for II Timothy 3:16 and II Peter 1:20-21 clearly point

out God, as the Holy Spirit, is the true Author of the Bible.

Authors of secular books often use collaborators trained to arrange ideas and words properly according to the canons of literary style. Likewise, the Holy Spirit selected human scribes to write at different times the contents of the Bible. Many modern books carry by-lines like "By A. U. Thor, as told to John Quill." Haggai, an Old Testament prophet, used a similar device which reads in Hebrew: "The word of the Lord by the hand of Haggai."

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that God so loved the world that He gave His own Son for lost men. The Bible alone points out that whosoever believes Jesus can have everlasting life. In its pages God is portrayed in His unmatched splendor as Sovereign of the world. Thus the Bible has an unequalled

### **Universal Appeal**

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Everywhere the Bible's peerless style is read men are drawn to the message of the Book. The stories, poetry, devotional gems, and instruction in the Bible satisfies the longings and needs of the human heart. Man's desire to know about the future is answered by the Bible's pictures of Jesus' return for His own. The next time you read the Bible see how you classify it. An anonymous classic or the unrivalled Book whose author is God?

# Nourished in the Words

NEW TESTAMENT WORD STUDY

## Disciple

One of the characteristic terms in the New Testament is the word "disciple" (Greek: *mathetes*). Its general usage denoted a pupil or learner, one who received instruction from a teacher. In the Greek world the philosophers of the day had their following of *mathetai*, or disciples, who imbibed learning from them. When we look at the New Testament we find a similar situation.

In Matthew 9:14 mention is made of the disciples of John the Baptist. Followers of the Pharisees are called "their disciples" in Matthew 22:16. Many of the Jews prided themselves on their rigid adherence to the law of Moses, and claimed: "We are Moses' disciples" (John 9:28). But the vast majority of the 264 occurrences of the word *mathetes* in the New Testament refer to persons who were disciples of Jesus.

It may come as a surprise to some readers that to be called a disciple of Jesus does not imply precisely the same idea in every New Testament passage. There are three distinct uses of the term which we must carefully note.

## The Twelve

The twelve men whom Jesus personally selected out of the mass of His followers to be the recipients of special training and responsibility are called "his twelve disciples" in Matthew 10:1; 11:1; and 26:20 (Greek text). Sometimes, however, they are merely called "the disciples." For example, in the Upper Room, Jesus broke bread and gave to "the disciples," and we know that only The Twelve were present (Matt. 26:26). Likewise, when Jesus was in Gethsemane, a place to which He had been accompanied by The Twelve, we are told that He came "unto the disciples" and found them sleeping (Matt. 26:40). Thus the term has a restricted sense in the New Testament as referring to our Lord's twelve closest companions.

These twelve disciples came from a variety of backgrounds. Some had originally been followers of John



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(John 1:35-40). Their occupations included fishing and tax collecting. They met Jesus at various times, and did not all join Him as followers at their first moment of contact. Yet all eventually saw in Jesus the Master Teacher and became disciples of Him. They followed Him throughout Palestine, listened to His words, beheld His deeds, and arrived at personal conviction about His person. When Jesus had given them much of His teaching, He commissioned them as special messengers (i.e. apostles) to proclaim His truth to others (Mark 3:14, Luke 6:13).

## All True Believers

A second usage of the word "disciple" describes all believers. When the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19 says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," the word "teach" actually means "make disciples of." It is a member of the same word family. It is the purpose of evangelization to enlist as disciples men from all the world. To enlist them as disciples means to bring them to faith in Christ.

Many examples of this wider usage could be cited. When Jesus emerged with The Twelve from the hidden recesses of the mountain in order to give the Sermon on the Mount, He was met by another "company of his disciples" (Luke 6:17). As Jesus approached Jerusalem at the triumphal entry, "the whole multitude of the disciples" began to shout praises (Luke 19:37). These

were the people who had recognized in Jesus the one who was the Christ, and followed Him so as to learn from His lips.

To be a disciple as a true believer was not a relationship to be entered into casually. Jesus said it necessitated giving first allegiance to Him above every earthly tie. If a person puts love for father, mother, wife, or children, or himself above his love for Christ, "he cannot be my disciple," said Jesus (Matt. 10:37; Luke 14:26).

True discipleship involves the risk of one's physical life. For a person to become a true believer in Christ, there is the identifying of himself with an unpopular person. In Jesus' day, as in our own to some extent, there was the risk of crucifixion or other forms of martyrdom at the hands of a world that was and still is hostile to God. A person who accepts Christ with certain reservations "cannot be my disciple," said Jesus (Luke 14:27).

Becoming a true believer demands the forsaking of all that one has. Otherwise, said Jesus, "he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). These are strong words. Yet they convey the vital truth that the all-too-common "easy-believeism" of our day was not what Jesus taught. Salvation is the free gift of God in Christ, received by men through faith. But Biblical faith is far more than mere intellectual assent. It involves the complete entrusting of our lives to Christ, accepting His Lordship, and holding nothing back for ourselves.

## Temporary Followers

We also find a wider use of the word "disciple" which includes some who were not true followers at all. We read of such in John 6:66. They were termed disciples because they had become followers for a time. But their attachment was only temporary, and eventually they left Him.

Another instance of this wider use of "disciple" is found in Acts 19:1. These people possessed a very imperfect form of faith when Paul met them, but The Apostle took these "disciples" who knew nothing about the Holy Spirit or Christian baptism and brought them to full Christian faith.



# GRACE COLLEGE SENIOR RETURNS FROM EUROPE



Ward Kriegbaum re-enters the United States through U. S. Customs in Boston, having arrived by BOAC from London.

Ward Kriegbaum, a senior at Grace College majoring in history, returned August 15 from a two-month tour of Europe. He left on June 17 from Logan International Airport at Boston, via BOAC jet, as a member of the fifth annual European Seminar sponsored by Gordon College. The tour was under the history department of the college, with Dr. David L. Franz, professor of history as the director.

The "Christian heritage" tour studied the work of the Reformers. The first stop was London, where the group took another plane to Glasgow, Scotland. From there the seminar traveled to Edinburgh where European history scholars lectured at the University of Edinburgh. Additional studies were later made at the Free University of Amsterdam and Heidelberg University in Germany.

By boat the students traveled the Rhine River, visiting Dusseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, and Mainz to name a few important cities. In Germany the Luther-lands were visited, including Worms and Wittenburg to relive the days of Martin Luther.

## To East Berlin

Mr. Kriegbaum states that his "trip to Berlin turned into a melee. We left for Berlin on Tuesday night and traveled to West Berlin. The

train to West Berlin was very clean and up-to-date. However, when we reached the border into East Berlin they changed engines from electric to locomotive. The smoke, cinders, dirt, and grime were quite a contrast. The border-crossing came early in the morning. At all the railroad stations in East Germany are policemen, and at the border stations soldiers with machine guns are everywhere. The passport and visa are frequently checked in East Germany, the charge for the visa was ten times the normal price, according to the U.S. Embassy officials. To travel through "Checkpoint Charlie," which is the Allied headquarters between the two cities, and enter East Berlin, causes one to become very conscious that he is going behind "the Iron Curtain." Only 23 percent of East Berlin is rebuilt from the devastation of the war, whereas in West Berlin 86 percent is rebuilt.

"Our train to take us back to West Berlin arrived at the East Berlin station at 8:15 p.m. One-half of the large group were not able to get on the train fast enough, for the time of the train stop was limited by restrictions, and we were detained in East Berlin for the night. We were taken to a local hotel for the night.

## Visits Schwarzenau

Schwarzenau is a little town in

the farming country of Germany. The old church, now taken over by the Catholics, was dated 1592. Here in 1708 The Brethren Church came into existence.

## Climbing the Alps

Leaving Germany the tour went to Geneva, Switzerland, and Interlaken located in the Alps Mountains. While Ward does not profess to be a Swiss Alps climber, he nevertheless did some "climbing." While on the trip a terrific storm broke and a rock avalanche tumbled down the mountain which even startled the local townspeople. He states that "the beauty of the Alps is beyond description."

## To Italy and France

From Switzerland they traveled to Florence, Italy, where they visited the homes and burial places of Michelangelo and the poet Dante. Florence is "a city of culture and art." On to Rome, and the group made a good deal of study of the historic life of this ancient city.

The final leg of the trip took the seminar to France with time in Paris to visit among the many places of historic interest, the Gothic Cathed-



**Roger Peugh**

*Sophomore, Grace College*

Roger Peugh entered Grace College in the fall of 1961, and was elected president of the freshman class. The following summer he traveled with a Youth for Christ gospel team to Germany and was so impressed with the need for evangelism in that country that he returned to the United States, and shortly thereafter returned to Germany where he has worked with Youth for Christ in Berlin. His home has been at Sybelstrasse, Germany.

Mr. Peugh is returning to the States in time to enter Grace College this fall to continue his studies. Mr. Peugh was host to Professor Wayne Snider when he was in Germany this summer. We welcome Roger back on the Grace campus.

Roger is a member of the Harrah (Wash.) Brethren Church.

drals and the French monastic centers.

#### ***Wants Ice Cream***

With the completion of the two-month trip, Ward arrived home to say that "there is no place like home." His main desire was for water, which in many places in Europe must be purchased, salads, and "ice cream," which is not common in Europe.

Ward is the second son of Rev. and Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum.

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By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

### **National Conference Was a "Missionary" Conference**

An expression heard from many people was that the recent National Conference was truly a "missionary" conference. The spiritual tone and missionary emphasis was outstanding. This pronounced emphasis began with the day of prayer, sponsored by the Foreign Missionary Society, on Saturday, August 10. The attendance and response was most encouraging. Next year, the Saturday before National Conference begins will be an "all-missions" day of prayer with a great missionary rally in the evening. Both foreign and home missions will cooperate.

### **Staff Re-employed**

The entire foreign missions office staff was re-employed, and will continue in the same capacities as in former years. Whenever you visit at Winona Lake, you are invited to call at the Foreign Missionary Society offices. Our entire staff stands ready to assist in the foreign missions emphasis in your local church.

### **Financial Report Presented**

Our total income during 1962 was \$337,838.99, second only to the income of 1961 which amounted to \$357,744.18. The sad part of the story, however, is that in 1962 our expenses totaled \$347,958.59, leaving the Foreign Missionary Society with an excess expenditure-over-income of \$10,119.60 for that year. This year, with very great thanks and appreciation we have received \$45,700 designated for buildings and special equipment for Africa, which we would not have been able to supply from our current income. This causes the offerings

of the first seven months of 1963 to be the largest for that period in our history, and yet leaves our current operating funds far below the amount desperately needed.

### **Elections Reported and Nominations Made**

In the 1963 election, Brethren Homer A. Kent, Sr., W. A. Ogden, Bernard Schneider, and Ivan Moomaw were re-elected to membership on the board of trustees for another term of three years. The officers of the Society for the coming year are the same as last year: President, Bernard N. Schneider; vice president, W. A. Ogden; recording secretary, Kenneth B. Ashman; and treasurer, Homer A. Kent, Sr. Nominees for the office of trustee for the election to be held by mail early in 1964 are as follows: Charles W. Mayes, Alva J. McClain, Glenn O'Neal, J. Paul Miller, Gerald Polman, John C. Whitcomb, Jr., and Robert W. Hill. Three are to be elected for three-year terms.

### **Missionary Residence Named**

Through the cooperative activity of the SMM and the WMC, our board of trustees has approved the name "Bethany House" for the "old" residence at Fourth and Chestnut Streets in Winona Lake, and "Philathea House" for the "new" residence on Seminary Drive.

### **France Bible Center Has Need of Funds**

"Not to exceed \$12,000" is the amount the board of trustees has set as the total cost of the Bible Center installations in France. There is on hand about \$5,200 of this amount. Any gifts over and above regular foreign missionary giving, would be most thankfully received to care for the difference. The Society has no money that it can allocate above the \$5,200.

### **Missionary Support Plan Extended**

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has always welcomed personalized missionary support. More and more churches, auxiliaries, and individuals are asking for the privilege of supporting missionaries. To implement this procedure suggestions are being offered and will accomplish this desired end. This will be fully explained in early correspondence with pastors and in the pages of the *Missionary Herald*. Suffice it here to say that beginning with the next missionaries appointed for service, the society will ask that there be full monthly commitments for the missionary family's total support for the first term of service before they leave for the field; and missionaries returning on furlough will be encouraged to secure during their furlough time the total monthly commitment for the next term on the field. The board has been considering this extension of our present plan for some years, and be-

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### **COVER PHOTO**

The "Sisterhood" group at Bozoum, Central African Republic, with their Bibles and their "mamas" (patronesses). The official name of the girls work in Africa is "Aita ti Lumiere" (sisters of light). Photo credit—Rev. Wayne Beaver.





# PAPAL DILEMMA

The fine collection of books in Brazil's National Library at Rio de Janeiro is greatly enriched by two rare tomes of exceptional value. These precious books in two volumes are copies of the Holy Bible printed by successors of Gutenberg over 500 years ago in the city of Moguncia. A frequent question asked by visitors, when the Bibles are on display, is, "How much are they worth?" and the equally frequent reply is, "More than money can buy!" At one time a wealthy American, acting on behalf of a national U. S. library, offered to construct a modern building anywhere in Rio de Janeiro in exchange for one of the Bibles, but his offer was refused and the Bibles today remain the proud possession of the Brazilian people.

## Rapid Spread of the Gospel

These simple facts speak as does a parable. Os brasileiros have a love and respect for "the Book of Books." That, of course, is a wide generalization covering a great deal that we, as Bible-believing evangelicals, would not accept. For example, in schools and colleges the Bible is read merely for its literary value. More obnoxious is the fact that in the ranks of Brazil's ten million Spiritists it is hailed as the textbook of their pernicious "teachings of demons." The same is true of many other false cults who appeal to Scripture for the support of "damnable heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them." On the other hand, we find generally among the evangelicals of Brazil that the Bible is honored as the Word of God. It has been said they have not become "sophisticated" enough yet to doubt the truth of Holy Writ. Such enviable freedom from worldly sophistry is one of their greatest spiritual assets and one of the secrets for the rapid spread of the Gospel

in their land. So great has been the emphasis given by evangelicals to the Bible that the Roman Church has been forced into copying the annual Bible Day by one of their own and reluctantly to conduct their own half-hearted promotions of Scripture reading.

## A Book To Change a Nation

This love and respect for the Bible has arisen on the one hand, from the failure of the Roman Church to meet the spiritual needs of the people and, on the other, from the example of early missionary pioneers who exalted the Bible as God's unerring Word and backed all their labors by its widest possible distribution. History makes clear that wherever the light of Holy Scripture is allowed to enter, the darkness and superstition of paganism and Romanism must flee. Green in his book, *Short History of the English People*, records for us that when "England became the people of a book and that book was the Bible . . . the whole temper of the nation felt the change. A new conception of life, a new moral and religious impulse spread through every class."

## Crisis for Rome

So today in Brazil the entrance of God's Word has given light, and Rome is facing the very real possibility of a crushing defeat. In the Catholic magazine *Ave Maria* (January 1960) it was reported: "What we have to face realistically is that the Church [Roman] is losing Latin America. This means practically one-half of the Catholics in the world. And that could be a crisis within the Church even more serious than the Oriental Schism or the Protestant Reformation. The problem is that serious." The Pope's dilemma is the prophet's chance; Rome's difficulty

is the Protestant's opportunity! In England, as in other parts of Western civilization, Popery makes assiduous steps toward power and supremacy through political intrigue and deceitful compromise. Out in Brazil Popery is in declension and that despite frantic efforts to save herself from a disastrous loss of people, power, and prestige.

## Today's Opportunity in Brazil

England has forsaken her religious heritage, and is it to be wondered that God in His mercy should want to bless other nations, long-benighted by sin, with the blessings of His Word. We could paraphrase our Lord's words in Matthew 11, "Woe unto thee London . . . Woe unto thee Glasgow . . . Woe unto thee Belfast . . . for if the mighty works which have been done in thee had been done in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes!" Never before has the Christian Church had such a favorable opportunity to spread the Good News in Brazil as that which is found there today. No one can guarantee that this opportunity will exist tomorrow, and the failure of Rome does not automatically secure the triumph of the Gospel. Brazil can be won for Christ, but only if the Lord's people will catch the vision and pay the price. Young people are urgently needed as missionaries, and others to take up a definite ministry of intercession for the conquest of Brazil for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Who, Who will go—  
Salvation's story telling—  
Looking to Jesus,  
counting not the cost? ▼

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# Missionary Conference Arrangements Underway

Missionary conferences, varying in length from a weekend conference to a one-week or eight-day conference, are bringing blessing to more and more Brethren churches. A number of churches, having tried an initial conference, are now enthusiastically establishing the custom of an annual missionary conference, reserving dates far in advance.

An effort is being made to coordinate future missionary deputation assignments with conferences already scheduled.

Missionaries available in the East for conference activity in the months ahead include, from Africa: *Miss Lois Ringler, Miss Lois Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Austin Robbins* (probably weekends only), and *Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder* (probably beginning in November). From Argentina: *Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy* (weekends only), and *Miss Bertha Abel*. From Brazil: *Rev. and Mrs. George Johnson*. From Hawaii, *Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech* (only through November). Also available is *Dr. Orville Jobson*. On the West Coast, *Rev. Wayne Beaver* of Africa, and *Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk* of Brazil. Early in the new year some of the missionaries may be switched from the East to the West.

Conference dates definitely scheduled and confirmed include the following:

October 13-20—

First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

October 20-27—

First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

November 3-10—

First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio

November 10-17—

First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, and other area churches

November 10-17—

Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio

January 5-12—

Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio

March 1-4—

First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 8-15—

First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

March 22-25—

Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Indiana

May 6-10—

Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

There is a request on file for a series of missionary conferences in churches in the Northwest early in the new year. And in early February, conferences are to be planned in the Southeast District.

In most instances, all of the missionaries in the Eastern area will be present in the conferences held in the Eastern part of the country, and the same will be true for those who are in the West. Because of the commitments already made, it is hoped that other churches will be able to fit the missionaries into their local programs, either for single speaking engagements or for some kind of conference activity, while the missionaries are in their particular area.

This will be a tremendous economy in both the time and expense of travel.

Dr. Robbins will be living in Goshen, New Jersey, and Brother Dowdy in Winona Lake, Indiana, so weekend speaking activity should not be planned for distances too extreme from their places of residence. It is not yet known the exact arrival date of the Roy Snyders from Africa. The Leeches will be returning to their work in Hawaii after November. Brother Beaver and Brother Burk, on the West Coast, will be living in the Los Angeles area.

Contacts and arrangements for missionaries should be made through Rev. Clyde K. Landrum at the foreign mission office, Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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believes that this plan will supply the missionary with the needed support and at the same time will stabilize the finances of the Society. All funds received will, of course, become a part of the general fund, and shall in no case be considered as the property of the individual missionary. This is necessary to meet the requirements of the Government if the donor desires to receive the privilege of income tax deduction.

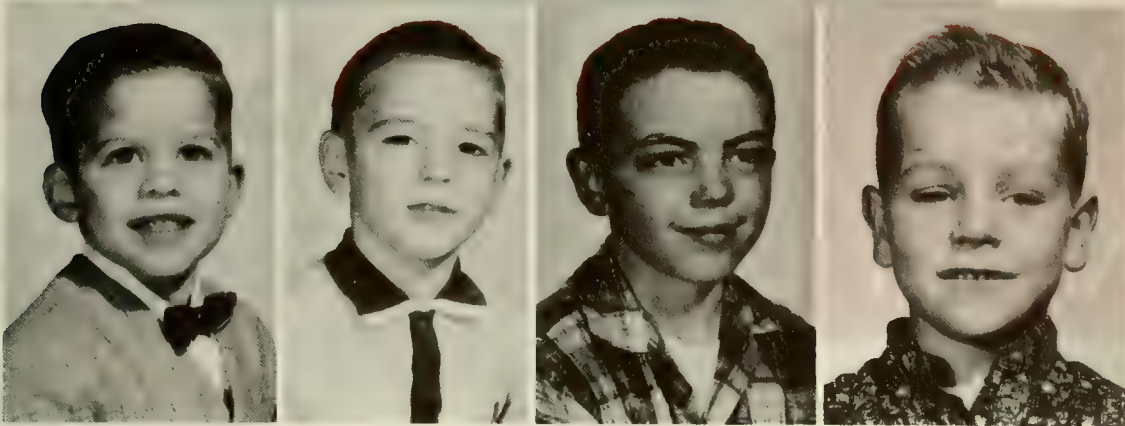
### Foreign Mission Project Policy Established

Next to the thrill of personally supporting a missionary is the supplying of special needs in the service of that missionary on the field. All items of equipment or supply needed in any field, which are items over and

above those the Society can regularly furnish, are thought of as "projects." Projects must have the approval of the national field council and the FMS board of trustees before being presented. Projects are being listed in the order of priority in each field. Persons or groups requesting missionary projects will be asked to provide for the next item in the order of priority arranged by the field. Once a portion of a project has been assigned, all remaining portions of that item must also be assigned as projects before any additional large item may be given out as a project for that same field. The board of trustees desires to encourage the taking on of projects, but in such a way as will not adversely affect general operating expenses; also, in such a way that projects taken may be completed and not be left with designated gifts for a part of the project; yet with insufficient funds to complete it.

# THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director      Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



**MISSIONARY HELPERS**—Left to right: Daniel Knepper, Moran, Michigan (Ozark Grace Brethren Church); Kenneth Lovegrove and Richard Lovegrove, Trout Lake, Michigan (Ozark Grace Brethren Church); Cory Lyon, Long Beach, California (Los Altos Brethren Church).



These Missionary Helpers are from the Third Brethren Church in Philadelphia, Pa. Their leaders are standing in the back row. They are from left to right: Miss Clara Richards, Miss Barbara Kolb, Mrs. Hillpot, and Mrs. Clark. Praise the Lord for this fine Missionary Helpers Club!



## KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES

Miss Marie Mishler lives at the Bouca station in Central Africa. She teaches girls and women, which is her favorite work for the Lord. Miss Mishler has served Him in Africa since 1947. She helped to establish the Sisterhood work for the girls there.

## MARY MISSIONARY—

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SCHOOL DAYS SCHOOL DAYS

I'M REALLY ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL! KNOW WHY, MARY?

WELL, YOU HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS WHEN YOU'RE IN SCHOOL AND SEE ALL THE KIDS

THAT'S RIGHT! AND I'M GOING TO TESTIFY FOR JESUS EVERY CHANCE I GET!

GOOD, HARRY! I HOPE ALL THE MH'ERS WILL BE FAITHFUL WITNESSES FOR CHRIST



# New and Needed

By Rev. Donald F. Miller



The new bookstore

Excitement ran high on June 15 in downtown Bozoum as a large crowd gathered in front of a new building. The cause of the commotion was the opening of the new Christian bookstore. This building and its work were first of all to be dedicated to the Lord. The church choir sang two songs, after which Pastor Yakara Robert, of the local church, spoke a few very appropriate words using as his text, "Blessed is he that readeth," from Revelation 1: 3. He pointed out the importance of this act in the lives of growing, healthy Christians. He then led in a prayer of dedication asking the Lord that the building might serve as a lighthouse in the community to point people to Jesus Christ. The doors of the store were opened and the crowd swarmed in. It was packed all day long. Yes; this is something new. Only in Bangui, the capital city of this republic, had there been a Christian bookstore, and to have one here is something new indeed.

God gave us a very choice location for our building. The open market is located in the center of town. In African cities this is one of the most important and traveled areas. It is important because it is here that the villagers bring their produce to sell. Directly across the street from this open market is the location of the bookstore. Two years ago when I first asked for this particular lot, it seemed very questionable that we would get it. But the Lord was undertaking for us. After a waiting period

of over a year, the land was given to the Mission for the express purpose of building a Christian bookstore. Normally this land could have been sold for a sizable sum of money.

## Why It Is Needed

We are living in days of unprecedented change, and Africa is no exception. Major literacy programs are underway in most of the African countries. Population increases are averaging about three percent per annum in most countries of the world, but the rate of literacy is increasing five percent annually. In some countries it is increasing as much as twelve percent. This provides a situation where there is a new demand and need for literature. The cults and the Communists are taking full advantage of this situation. The time has arrived that Christian literature centers *must* be established to meet the demands for reading material, and to promote the cause of Christ and, in some measure, counteract the propaganda of the forces of Satan.

A few years ago it was the exception that a young man of a village be privileged to attend a government school. The exception of yesterday is becoming the normal picture today. Thousands of the youth of today are in school. Thousands of adults are now readers. These large groups of readers are hungry for literature. They will read any-

thing they can lay their hands on. We have a moral responsibility to supply these people with sound, healthy Christian literature. If we fail to do this now, we will pay the price.

The testimonies which have come back to me thus far concerning the opening of the bookstore have been heartwarming. Some remarks are "Thank God for the bookstore"; "It will help in our civilization." A government official said: "It is one of the best things that has come to this city"; another, "Now we can all read books."

The reading room in connection with the bookstore is a very important arm of this program. It has been wonderful to notice the interest of the college students and others as they avail themselves of its facilities.

I am both thrilled and challenged by the possibilities of the ministry of Christian bookstores at this particular time for Africa. To build and stock one bookstore takes \$3,000. We need several more to be located at strategic points. How wonderful if God would lay upon the hearts of certain people, classes, or organizations to make these become realities. John 9:4 reminds us of the necessity of working now. Christ said: "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

(Photo on this page and the ones on the opposite page were taken by Miss Rosella Cochran.)





Wesset Joseph, the bookstore clerk

## *The Bookstore Clerk Speaks*

Why am I glad to work in a Christian bookstore? This joy does not come from finding things, such as clothes or much money. All these different things are only riches of earth which shall pass away. Read I John 2: 15-17: "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Because of this I want the love of God the Father in me.

In the bookstore I testify about the Lord to people who come to buy books. I show them pictures in the different books and stories that tell the way that God worked through men of great faith in the past.

This Christian bookstore helps people find different books that show them the way to care for their bodies, and books that show them different skills. The most important knowledge that is shown is that of faith and how to live respectfully and to walk uprightly before God. The bookstore has Christian books that the people wanted to read in the past, but which they were not able to find. Through these books they hear news and testimonies of fellow Christians that are strong in the faith and built up in Christ. They see that they are able to become faithful men, and that there is only one Saviour.

Brethren, the Christian bookstore is a store where

you are able to find different books of food and knowledge for your souls and spirits. Come to the Christian bookstore that has opened for you. Read the Gospel of Matthew 6:25-34 and especially verse 33. I, Wesset Joseph, your brother in Christ Jesus, am the slave of Jesus and the servant of the Eternal God in this Christian bookstore at Bozoum.

▼  
Wesset Joseph

## *An African Pastor Speaks*

I am happy to tell you why I believe the new Christian bookstore is important. It is the most important store in Bozoum. Why do I say this? Don't they sell many nice and beautiful things in the other stores? Yes; they do, but there is something very important found in the bookstore that is not found in the others. It is the Bible. It is the Book that tells us about God. This Book contains the affair of salvation and shows the way of eternal life to man.

This store is located near the marketplace. Today everyone in this area has a chance to read and purchase the Word of God. We give much thanks to God for this bookstore here in the city of Bozoum. Read in your Bible John 5:39.

▼  
Robert Yakara  
Pastor, Brethren Church  
Bozoum, Africa



Clerk and customers



▼ By Miss Barbara Kolb

(FMS Editor's note: In the early months of 1963 Miss Kolb, member of the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, made a trip to South America and visited Brethren missionaries and mission points. She writes here of the journey to the camp in Argentina.)



Mrs. Mac and the helpless car (Photo by Miss Kolb)

## A Rugged Road to Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Maconaghy and I left Rio Cuarto on our way to the camp. Directions had been given about which roads to take, how many rivers to cross, how many gates to open, and the rusty sign to look for that points to the camp.

Before we got very far out of Rio Cuarto, we had to stop and have the gas tank filled and the tires checked. The back window of the Estanciera (station wagon) was opened so the spare tire could also be checked, and since it was hot the window was left open so that more air could circulate in the car.

We traveled for awhile on a paved road. We would have been able to make good time on such a road, except that the paved part was in the center of the road and just large enough for one car. It would have been nice traveling, but traffic was heavy and we had to share the road with cars coming from the opposite direction. So we rode with half the car on the paved road and the other half on the dirt road.

After we had gone for some miles on this road, I was thinking the road could have been worse—and what do you think, it was! We found ourselves on a road which was completely dirt—and it hadn't rained in this section for some time. Around holes, over rocks, we rode bumpity, bumpity, bump. After bumping along

for a couple of miles we looked at each other, and what a sight we were with dirty faces and arms! And it looked as if someone had taken buckets of dirt and poured them on us, for there were little piles of dirt on our clothes. The first opportunity we had, we shook the dirt off our clothes and tried to get some of it off the things in the back of the station wagon, for we had forgotten to close the back window when we went through the dirty dirt road.

It seemed we should be getting near the two rivers we were supposed to cross. "There is a river," said Mrs. Mac. I kept looking, but I couldn't see a river. Well, the river was a little decline in the road with a puddle of water in it. We rode on a little further and someone said, "This must be the other river," but it wasn't—that hole didn't have even a drop of water in it.

"Oh, here's the river!" The water was so clear and inviting—but how would we get across without a bridge? Mrs. Mac and I got out of the car, and I took off shoes and stockings and walked through the water to see how deep it was. In the process I also washed some of the dirt from my hands and face. The cool water was refreshing and I felt a bit cleaner.

The car made it to the other side. We stopped at a house for directions to the camp. "Do you see the clearing

on the hill; that's the camp." The only trouble was that the hill was back the way we had come! That hole in the road was the second river. The water we had just gone through was only a stream. Oh, well, who was I, a foreigner, to say what was a river and what was a stream!

We went back over the stream and the road we had just traveled. When a gaucho came along, we asked again about the camp to be sure we were going in the right direction. Finally we arrived at the last road into camp. The rusty sign was there all right, but we had to get about six inches from it to see the word CAMPAMENTO.

Before Mrs. Mac had a chance to say, "Go to the other side of the road, it looks better"—bang, we found ourselves in a hole! We had been warned there was a hole in the road, but no one had said where it was. Now the question was, What to do? Mr. Mac started out to walk the five miles to a house we had passed, to ask for help.

Mrs. Mac and I stayed by the car and prayed. Soon we discovered we were not alone, for there was a herd of cattle staring and mooing at us.

About thirty minutes later Mrs. Mac and I heard sounds of a truck. Mr. Mac was in the truck with a stranger. Help at last—but what can



## A Short But Fruitful Testimony

By Mrs. Hill Maconaghy

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps. 115: 16).

A little over a year ago, a Christian lady brought her neighbor to the Sunday evening service in Jose Marmol, here in Argentina. After attending several times, the new-comer accepted the Lord as her Saviour.

Dona Maria missed very few Sunday services from then on, although she could seldom attend during the week. She read her Bible faithfully and learned what it is to "Pray without ceasing." She was always so happy in the Lord and a pleasant smile lighted her face.

From her outward appearance, folks who knew her only casually could never have guessed that she was passing through fiery trials. Her husband's business associates were taking advantage of his trusting disposition, holding back money that should have been turned in. Many of his clients were not paying him for work done, taking refuge in the answer heard so often here during recent months: "There's no money now. Later on." A business cannot go on forever in this way, and it finally failed.

Unable to continue to pay the large rent they had been paying, and with their landlady constantly after them to vacate the house, they moved into a small, prefabricated room with all their belongings. Ac-

cording to law, they could have remained three months more in the house, but Dona Maria told the landlady that she now belonged to the Lord and wanted to please Him, so for that reason would move immediately.

A baptismal service was planned for June 8 of this year, and Dona Maria was firm in her desire to be baptized. Her husband had secured work on the other side of Buenos Aires and they would be moving as soon as he could find an apartment for them. But before leaving she wanted to be baptized in the church in which she had come to know the Lord and where she felt "at home."

It was difficult for Dona Maria to kneel because of an arthritic condition, but she said she was going to practice kneeling in her room in order to be sure she could do so in the baptistry. How radiant she was after giving evidence of her faith, passing through the waters of baptism.

On the afternoon of July 5, Dona Maria was in a neighborhood store, speaking with the owner's wife and telling her of her joy in the Lord. Another member of the Marmol congregation was there, too, and Dona Maria said to her before she left, "You who are older in the Gospel, talk with this lady," and put some tracts in her hands. Before she reached her humble home, Dona

Maria suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. Early the next morning the Lord took her home.

Although there were no other evangelical believers in the family, it was possible to have a short service in the funeral home, and speak a word of comfort and of warning to the husband and other members of the family. Dona Maria had been greatly burdened for the salvation of her only sister, and as this sister listened to the Word of God she was indeed moved.

The funeral took place on Sunday morning, and that same night Dona Maria's husband, Don Pedro, came to the meeting, saying to my husband: "I've come to thank you all and the Gospel for what you have done."

So short a time a child of God, but her radiant testimony has borne fruit in at least one life that we know of. So short a time a child of God, but her departure has left such a vacancy in the church of Marmol. Her going was so sudden, so unexpected, that it still seems as though she must come to the meetings.

Might it be that that vacancy will be filled by Don Pedro? He is completely alone now. They had no children and his relatives are in Yugoslavia and North America. Since his wife's death he has been attending the Sunday evening meetings. He seems to feel at home among the Lord's people here, his wife's friends. Many are praying for him and we hope soon to be able to welcome him into the Lord's family. Please join us in this prayer. ▼

be done with a small shovel? But with Mr. Mac behind the steering wheel, Mrs. Mac and me praying, and the man shoveling the dirt to try to make a level place, the car finally moved. And, after a couple of tries, it was out of the hole. I thought of the verse in Isaiah 65: 24; before we called, the Lord had had the answer on the way. Any other night the man would have been home from work at 8:00, but this night when we needed help he was delayed at work, and was at the right place ready to help us. Some

people are not anxious to help, and when they do, it costs. This man was willing and did not want pay, for he knew some of the people who were at camp.

Then, we were on our way again on that which we hoped was the last part of the road into camp. I got out to open the first gate—not a nice wooden one, but barbed wire between two logs. When the gate was unfastened it collapsed. I managed to drag it out of the way of the car tires. It took a little effort to fasten it again, but after a few scratches I

succeeded. We rode a little further and there were two gates together. Help was at those gates in the form of a little boy who opened them for us. He had better success than I had had.

We had still one more gate. That one was a welcomed sight with all the campers around to greet us. Even though I could not understand what the Argentine people were saying, I knew I was welcomed to the camp. There was a prayer of thanksgiving that we had arrived safely. ▼



# *Twenty-fourth Annual WMC Conference 1963*

"To us His own He gives a joy and peace.  
Much fuller than the world will ever know  
He meets our needs. With love that will not cease  
Fills all our lives with blessings that o'er flow."

*These words from our theme song became a reality as we sang them.*

**WE SAW** prayer answered.

**WE SAW** God meet the needs of Brethren families on  
the conference grounds.

**WE EXPERIENCED** the joy and peace of praise and  
prayer.

**WE HEARD** of blessings that o'er flow on our mission  
fields.

**WE FELT** the challenge to give.

**WE ENJOYED** a pilgrimage with our SMM girls on  
their fiftieth anniversary.

**WE THRILLED** to the realization of FIVE birthday  
missionaries this coming year.

**"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW."**

*Helen Smith  
Assistant Secretary*

# President's Message to WMC Conference

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation . . . For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods" (Ps. 95:1, 3).

This has been the song of praise in the hearts of WMC women through this past year as we have learned of the blessed privileges and responsibilities bestowed upon those "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:5).

The confidence wrought in us by the realization of His keeping power has opened wide the doors of our hearts to a consciousness that truly He has loved us as "*His own*." This is our theme for the new year with our theme verse chosen from John 13:1.

"Now before the feast of the pass-over, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved *His own* which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

As we step across the threshold of the new year into the last nine chapters of the Gospel of John we place our feet on holy ground and walk closely by the side of our blessed Lord. We are carried swiftly through those closing days of His earthly life. The curtain is drawn aside and we catch a glimpse of the radiant light of His divine love in sharp contrast to the terrible darkness of His death. We experience the confidence and quietness of the heart of the Son of God laid open before His own Heavenly Father in prayer. He has been obedient to His Father, and He is now ready to complete the task for which He came to this earth.

In the thirteenth chapter of John, Christ and His disciples are in the upper room, the world is shut out, the noise of the multitude is hushed, He is with "*His own*." He knew that His hour was come "having loved his own . . . he loved them unto the end . . . knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands." He knew the eternal importance of that hour to the souls

of men; He knew the Father's confidence in Him, and He knew the certainty of His victory over death that "he came from God, and goeth unto God."

And "knowing," "he loved." "Having loved *His own* which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." He loved them to the "uttermost."

Someone has said: "Love perfecteth what it begins." And thus in the sanctity of that room we see Christ giving to them a holy symbol of perfect love in the sacrifice of himself that they might be cleansed

for even though He knew from the beginning who would betray Him; yet up to the very last He gave Judas the opportunity to repent and turn from his wickedness. But Judas allowed Satan to triumph in his heart, his doom was sealed, he went out, and with him went the very essence of all evil.

## Boundless Love

Now only those who had followed Jesus faithfully were with Him. He looked at them with a boundless love and compassion and said tenderly, "Little children." And as He spoke, His voice showed His concern for their peril to come and His desire for their necessary care. He was saying: "My precious little ones, I am with you for a little while, but I am going away. So I give you a new commandment 'that ye love one another as I have loved you.' Let My love for you, My very own, be your inspiration for your love for each other when I am gone." Surely we need to know and to bestow on each other this same compassionate, boundless love which Christ bequeathed to them that night.

This is the love which erases all barriers, conquers all fears, and recognizes no hurts or slights. The love which knows no assertion of self and begins no day without the nurture of God's Word and prayer for His glory. This is the love which seeks out every lost one for Christ, which knows no bounds of generosity in missionary giving. Yes; this is the love which motivates every goal and objective in WMC, and sheds near and far the love of Christ to the lost.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples!" Surely we should ask ourselves this question: "How many have believed this past year because they have seen the manifestation of the love of Christ in me?"

## Assurance and Comfort

Simon Peter, not understanding, said unto Jesus: "Lord, whither goest thou?" And Jesus yearned toward Him and those so close to Him. He could not bear to leave them in the

## A CHALLENGE TO "HIS OWN"



By Mrs. Thomas Hammers  
National WMC President

and eternally remain "*His own*." "He riseth from supper . . . and girdeth himself," and washed their feet. Then as Lord of their lives, and ours, He said: "Ye should do as I have done to you . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

## Surrender and Submission

Surely the first prerequisite for happiness in our lives as "*His own*" is surrender and submission to the very Son of God. Peter learned this in the upper room when Jesus washed his feet. We need to learn this vital lesson also and to pray daily for the submission of self to Him. This is what Christ wants of us even as He wanted it of His disciples.

He wanted this also for Judas,



**MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER**

**AFRICA—**

Sharon Marie Mason	November 1, 1962
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. C. B. Sheldon	November 8
Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. J. P. Kliever	November 12
B.P. 240, Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. Donald F. Miller	November 13
Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Rev. George E. Cone	November 16
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	

**ARGENTINA—**

Rev. Hill Maconaghy	November 25
Quintana 353, Adrogué, F.C.G.R., Argentina, S. A.	

**MEXICO—**

Rev. A. L. Howard	November 7
406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, California, U.S.A.	

Rev. Phillip Guereña	November 29
c/o Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	

**PUERTO RICO—**

Rev. Maxwell H. Brenneman	November 29
P. O. Box 10144, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico	

bleakness of uncertainty. "I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again . . . that where I am, there ye may be also."

And He comforted them with many promises as He said: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."

"He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you . . . Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

He had so much to say and so short a time in that hour to assure them of His love and care. But His hour was come, and so from the intimacy of that upper room Jesus went out to become the supreme example of His love for "His own" and for those who rejected Him.

**Abiding and Fruitful**

As they started out toward the vineyard-laden slopes He said: "I am the true vine." This was no new figure to them, for the vine was the emblem of their national life which the prophets had used to illustrate their national failure. Standing there amid the ruins of the vine of their nation, their Lord and Master said, Your nation cannot save you. "I am the vine, ye are the branches." I will nurture you as ye abide and ye shall bring forth much fruit. He was commissioning them to abide in unity and to produce fruit.

This is the ultimate consummation of His love for "His own" and our union with Him that we might be fruitful unto His glory. Recently Dr. Billy Graham stated that at least 90 percent of all Christians in America are living defeated lives. Is this what Christ wanted for those who are "His own"? Surely it is not, for in John 15:16 He said: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain."

Let us remember that the purpose of WMC is twofold—

First, to promote the cause of home and foreign missionary work. This is of vital importance; but can we fully accomplish this by only the work of our hands and the giving of our offerings? No; for it takes the abiding love of Christ within our hearts for the unreached and the unlovely. It takes earnest and loving prayer for the stranger and the foreigner that Christ's purpose might be accomplished in the evangelization of the world.

The second portion of our purpose is to deepen the spiritual life of the women by Bible study, prayer, and witnessing.

The accomplishments of the first part of our purpose will be like "wood, hay, and stubble" in the day of rewards unless the deepening of our spiritual lives has been truly the invasion and conquering of our souls by an entirely new quality of life. Our lives must be more than

mere practice or performance. They must be, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the very life and love of the blessed Lord Jesus lived in and through us toward others.

**Our Saviour in Prayer**

One of the sacred chapters of this Gospel is the seventeenth where we see the Lord Jesus in prayer. He spoke to His own Father first about himself. "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." G. Campbell Morgan says: "The deepest passion of the heart of Jesus was not the saving of men, but the glory of God; and then the saving of men because that is the glory of God." His desire to return to the glory which He had left behind Him when He came to earth "was only a desire that He might reach it by the way of the cross."

Are we guilty of a selfish longing for the heavenly home? Or are we willing to make whatever sacrifice is necessary to either take or send the message of the cross to others in order that God might be glorified in their salvation also? This was Christ's prayer for himself that He might glorify God.

Then Christ began to pray for His disciples, these precious ones, "His own." "I pray for them . . . which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine . . . keep them from evil. Sanctify them through thy

**TWO PEN POINTERS**

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Beyond our Borders  
are temporarily out of print.

No definite date has been set to reprint these. Watch the *Missionary Herald* for an announcement.

Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton  
Literature Secretary



truth." Don't take them out of the world, He said, for they have work to do, a message of love to take, a witness of Me to bear. But Father, set them aside for this special purpose. Don't let evil o'er take them, but strengthen and use them. This was His prayer for His disciples.

But His prayer was not yet completed. Could you and I today hear the echo of His words over the centuries, our hearts would beat high with joy as our divine Saviour prayed: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word . . . that they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." This compassionate One of God was looking down through the vast expanse of time, past decades and nearly two thousand years, thinking of each of us. Yes; He saw each one of "*His own*" and remembered to pray for us.

As I ponder this I wonder if I am the kind of a child He prayed for me to be. Wherever I have failed this past year, it was not because He failed me, but because I failed Him. Wherein any of us fail in His work in the year ahead surely it will not be because He fails us, but because we fail Him.

### **Compassionate Concern**

There are two scenes in the remaining chapters of the Gospel of John which have special significance to us as women. Let us follow closely to the hill of Calvary. John, the beloved disciple, whose love and devotion knew no denial, no fleeing away but only sacrificial loyalty in order to be with His Lord, could not bear to describe the agony of the cross. He wrote only three words, "they crucified him." This was sufficient, for the physical suffering, terrible as it was, was not the real meaning of the cross. Before the temple of His body was destroyed, His soul had paid the supreme sacrifice of redemption as the Father turned His back upon Him as He became sin for us.

Just before Christ died, John gives us one of the most beautiful incidents in the entire New Testament. Out of the dreadful agony and black-

ness of the cross John brings forth a brilliant jewel shining with the compassionate love of Christ for "*His own*."

In the midst of His indescribable suffering Jesus looked down into the lovely face of the one who had given Him of her very own flesh and blood, who had cradled Him in infancy, who had trained Him into young manhood, through whose very soul a sword was even now piercing because of Him, and He said to her, "Woman, behold thy son," as He looked at His beloved disciple. And to John He said: "Behold thy mother . . . that disciple took her unto his own home."

"If we try to look at the cross it will baffle us finally, but as we look, we learn that the Christ of Golgotha, of Calvary, of the mystery of the everlasting mercy, has eyes for human sorrow, and cares and provides for "*His own*" (Morgan).

### **Intimate Companionship**

The twentieth chapter gives us another beautiful scene. The morning sun is casting long shadows on the grass. The fragrant scent of the lilies laden with the dew of the night fills the garden air. The mourning dove coos under the olive tree, "And Mary stood without the sepulchre

weeping." She knew the tomb was empty. She had lost her Lord, no longer could she hear His voice. No longer could she be near to touch Him. She did not even see the beauty of the garden, but her sobbing told of her utter loneliness.

Then a wonderful thing happened! Someone spoke her name, "Mary." No one could speak her name like Jesus could. No voice could bring back the memories of deliverance from sin like His voice could. No one could flood her soul with visions of joys shared in His presence like her Saviour could. He only spoke her name but she knew, and believing she responded. She had lost the nearness of her Saviour. The intimate companionship had been gone and now in the speaking of her name she had found Him again.

How many women in our councils and churches have lost the nearness of the Saviour? Will you not help them to find Him again this year. How many have never known the nearness of His presence and His companionship because they are not "*His own*"? Will you not take Him to them this year as He prayed you would. How many on the mission fields need your unceasing prayer and support for salvation and fruit? Will you not be faithful stewards as Christ was?

### **Commissioned**

So it was that Christ completed His task for "*His own*," and leaving them He said: "Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Never has the challenge been so great in home missions.

Never has the need been so desperate for Grace Schools and our Youth.

Never has each hour been so weighted with urgency and needs on the foreign fields.

Never have we needed love, sacrifice, surrender, and unity so greatly at home.

The year is before us; our mission is prepared; "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."

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The snow lay thick on the ground and the temperature fell with an icy persistence last winter, but my husband and I found a secret to shut out—almost—the thought of the chill that attacked us. Bent over a rose catalog, we were joyously selecting the blooms that would make us the most beautiful flowerbed that we could imagine. The winter's anticipation, the anxious waiting through the spring, and the eager watching through the summer have made each rosebush seem a separate personality, and taught us many spiritual lessons.

The first lesson came with a surprise-killing frost late in May. There were already tiny buds on the bushes. Would they be killed? Not one gave up. Could we be as brave under adversity? Later, weeks of dry weather showed its effect in small roses and pale foliage, not at all like the beautiful pictures in the catalog. Isaiah (58:41) and Jeremiah (31:12) both tell us that our souls shall be as a watered garden, for the Lord will satisfy us. Also, the constant need for special food reminded us that the Christian must be constantly nourished by his own special food, the Word of God. And always the steady fading of the flowers recalled Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

But it was the individual roses that taught me the most, for they grew to have personalities that strongly resembled church members, and made me realize that a church of believing Christians is truly a garden for our Beloved.

The first bud which bravely opened after the frost had received too much damage. The heart was dead and brown. Are we careful enough to nurture the tender buds in our garden, the newly-born Christians who can also be chilled to the heart by our thoughtless neglect and fall away? The next bud triumphantly became a rose, but a sadly imperfect one. But as I bent over it, I smelled the lovely rose perfume, and I cut it and placed it in a vase that it might have honor. So many lives that seem to us broken and imperfect show forth the Spirit of the Lord as no physical prosperous life could do.

*Devotional Thought for September*

# INTO HIS GARDEN

By Mrs. Lucile H. Smith

As more opening roses continued to be damaged and imperfect, another truth was plainly evident. The dark red buds would look blighted, but the roses might show scarcely any defect; the pink buds would look hopeless, but the roses might make a fair show if one did not look too closely, but a white rose with the least amount of imperfection had no beauty. Often, we hear our young people say: "Sue does it, and it doesn't hurt her! Tom says there's nothing wrong with it! Everybody does it! Why can't I?" Ask the roses. A few more spots are scarcely noticeable on worldly garments, but the fine white linen of righteousness must be kept impeccable.

When a number of the roses were opened, we were surprised to discover that they were not all as expected. We had carefully worked out a diagram for the plot in which colors were nicely balanced, but now a rose that was supposed to be crimson was a lovely shade of pink, and some others did not resemble their pictures. Not a great problem in a rosebed, for rose shades blend well, but unfortunate in the church when the worker who supposedly has a deep red heart of consecration is only pale pink. Then the task is poorly done or the witness does not hold up, and the whole work suffers. More thorough knowledge would have saved us some errors. We must understand our workers in order to make sure that the lady who would be very successful in the nursery is not stumblingly teaching a class of junior high girls.

The manner in which the bushes bore was significant, too. Here was

a bush with one or two perfect roses. Some members will say: "I can do just one thing and do it well." A church organist may have no time for WMC because she must spend so much time practicing; or a teacher may say: "My class takes all my time. I can't give a Bible Study." And how often, when discussing workers, we hear: "She could do it well, but she won't." Perhaps these last should be compared to beautiful roses without perfume. They are rich in talent and ability, but somehow the Spirit does not have rule.

In contrast to bushes which bear a very few exquisite roses are some which bear luxuriantly more ordinary flowers. They speak of the members who never are asked to sing a solo or hold a high office, but are always ready for the little jobs—helping in Bible school, washing the nursery laundry, baking a pie for a funeral dinner—always willing and never singled out for praise. There is one rose for which I have especial affection. Last year she was our best rose. She bloomed lavishly, and was greatly loved and appreciated. This year, there are three prettier red roses in the same bed, but she goes on blooming happily and luxuriantly. How hard it is to step down when some one with more talent comes into the church! The church accompanist who moves down to playing the piano in junior church; the teacher who surrenders her adult class and takes a primary group; even the good cook who finds that the new member has brought a better cake to the picnic; how much grace they need to continue working without bitterness.

And then, last, there are the bushes which lavishly bear lovely roses with a sweet, enchanting fragrance. We all want to be like them, working diligently and successfully for the Lord with His Spirit shining through us for all to see. But these roses have a warning for us. They never bloom to be seen of men. If we should go away for a month, they would bloom on just the same, giving their beauty and pouring out their perfume to Him who made them. He made us as we are, and gave us a place in His garden, and He did it with perfect understanding. ▼



# National WMC Objectives and Recommendations

## NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1963-1964

### WE RECOMMEND

1. That a consecration service be held annually (preferably early fall) in each local council to reconsecrate membership and to recognize new members.

2. That each local president, or representative, attend each district meeting and National WMC Conference, her council aiding in expenses if at all possible, for the latter.

3. That we send good usable clothing to the following missions; each local council be responsible for entire expense: *Taos, New Mexico*—Adult and children's clothing—*Parcel Post*—Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico. *Express*—Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico via Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*Navajo Indian Mission*—Children's cotton clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). *Parcel Post*—Rev. James McClellan, Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico. *Express*—Rev. James McClellan, Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico via ICX Freight Line, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*—Adult and children's clothing. *Parcel Post or Motor Freight to:* c/o Rev. Robert Salazar, 153 Pueblo Luna Drive, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

4. That officers in the local council be elected in June, installed in July, and take office at the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports, compiled by the retiring president, must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1963, through June 1964.

5. That each council promote the evangelization of children, encouraging each woman to willingly assist in Sunday school, VBS, children's Bible classes, and other church sponsored youth activities.

6. That the women in each council continue to show an INCREASED interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and a willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.

7. That all local and district councils use BRETHREN talent and support BRETHREN works.

8. That the women of each council be encouraged to read and use the Pen Pointers; we suggest an annual quiz in each council. (More Pen Pointers may be obtained from the National Literature Secretary.)

9. That each WMC member give regularly as the Lord leads and prospers her.

10. That each council choose and purchase of the following books:

**MISSION TO THE HEAD-HUNTERS** (Drown, Frank and Marie, \$3.95, Harper, 1961.)

Thrilling experiences among the Ecuador Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Drown were close friends and co-workers of the Auca martyrs. The book makes only passing mention of the martyrdom, but is mainly a picture of actual mission station life.

**WORDS WANTED.** (Pike, Eunice V., \$2.75, Moody Press, 1953.)

The fascinating story of Wycliffe translators in Mexico as they reduce unwritten languages to writing and translate the Scriptures.

**TRIED IN THE FIRE.** (Anderson, Isabel, \$2.95, Moody Press, 1960.)

This story is a true picture of conditions in Colombia where the people are dominated by a corrupt Catholic priesthood. It depicts the transforming power of Christ amid the persecutions to which Christians are subjected.

**HEALTH SHALL SPRING FORTH.** (Adolph, Paul E., 59 cents, Moody Press, 1956.)

An excellent volume for Christians on the subject of release from tensions. In the tension-filled age in which we live such a volume, written by a devout Christian doctor, a former missionary to China, and endorsed by such men as Dr. DeHaan and Dr. Bob Cook, can be a great blessing. The book is required reading in at least one course taught at Grace College. Originally in a hard back volume it is now available in paperback at 59 cents. Individual members may want personal copies at that price.

Books may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Indiana.

## National WMC Objectives for Local Councils 1963-1964

### 1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

*First choice:* The entire Bible in 1963-64 (3 chapters a day—5 on Sunday).

*Second choice:* The Book of John, plus the use of the Scripture provided each day in the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions."

*Third choice:* Daily Bible reading of own choosing.

### 2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. We suggest the use of the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions." The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils regularly.

### 3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

That each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month, using prayer helps provided by our denomination. Each council enlisting prayer partners from the congregation or council for a daily time of prayer.

### 4. SOUL-WINNING

Our goal—every woman a witness and a soul-winner. A monthly visitation and tract distribution program to be used with the local tract chairman keeping a monthly record of tracts used, and the prayer chairman keeping a record of all souls saved via Child Evangelism, VBS, Sunday School, SMM, and so forth.

### 5. MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of 12 devotional meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs.

### 6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects, and be represented at the rallies.

### 7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

(Please send all money to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet.

1. September, October, November—Home Missions, \$3700. Send before December 10.

4-wheel drive vehicle and repairing of well at Navajo mission.

2. December, January, February—Chris-

tian Education Offering, \$3700. Send before March 10. One-half toward dining room furnishings for new college dormitory. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council for electric typewriter and adding machine. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for the expansion of the Brethren Christian Education Handbook.

3. March, April, May—Foreign Missions, \$3700. Send before June 10. The third year of a project toward liquidating the debt on the residence, Philathea House.

4. June, July, August—General and Publication Fund, \$3700. Send before September 10.

5. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the penny-a-day per member offering. (Secure free banks from the Brethren Home Missions Council)

6. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send anytime before June 10. Birthday Missionaries for 1963-64 are: Miss Ruth Kent; Miss Marie Mishler; Mrs. Sibley Edmiston; Mrs. Donald Bishop; Mrs. Tom Julien.

## DISTRICT WMC OBJECTIVES 1963-1964

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. Every district represented on the National board at National Conference, by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

3. A four minute achievement report to be given by the district president at National Board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for writing the report.

4. That the district project chairman cooperate with the National project chairman toward one display for National Conference.

5. The district president will promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

6. Each district will sponsor at least one project—said project to be cleared THROUGH THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. All district offerings for National Brethren works shall be sent to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

8. Each district shall contribute an annual free will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary Residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer by June 30 and shall be used as the committee in charge sees the needs.

9. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the National Secretary by July 20.

10. Each district president will stress the importance of using the Brethren program packets and achieving our goals and recommendations in the local councils to foster unity among us.

11. SMM will be represented on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC will give financial assistance, if possible, that their district SMM patroness and, or, president may attend National Conference.





For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10.

## SERVING MY MASTER . . . BY MY DAILY LIVING

BY MRS. MAXWELL BRENNEMAN

"You mean we can't take the tour if it's raining?"

The negative answer made my heart sink. Here we had such a full schedule planned for the quiz team, and we didn't have one precious morning to waste standing in the tourist center waiting for the tour through El Morro Fortress. But the historian had said, "No." Having learned and experienced Philippians 4:11—" . . . in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content," I tried to be content and keep the young people content also while we waited for the rain to stop.

But the Lord had other plans. For some reason, the Lord knew, I explained to the historian in charge who all these young people were and why they were in Puerto Rico (our 1961 national Brethren quiz team from Palmyra, Pennsylvania.) We also told him of their talents. And it wasn't long before the group was singing. Those in the adjoining office enjoyed the sacred concert, too. And you know, it soon stopped raining. Off we went on the tour.

That was on a Tuesday. On Friday the quiz team was to quiz with a Mennonite team. We had all invited Mr. Morales, the historian, to bring his family to hear the quiz. Friday night came. There was our historian friend plus his wife and three children. How glad we all were to meet this wonderful family! Mrs. Ford, the team's coach, soon had their names and address and promised to write to them. Even the night that the quiz team left for the States, we passed by to tell the Morales family "adios."

That was our first contact, but not the last.

Because of our mutual friend, Mrs. Ford, we kept in contact with the Morales. One evening while we were visiting in their home, they said that the pastor could stop by for them on Sunday morning for Mr. Morales had to work. So from that time until now they have missed very few Sundays.

Then came a daily vacation Bible school which Aixa, the oldest girl attended with me. On the last day when the invitation was given, Aixa accepted the Lord. I took her home that day. She bounced into her house, ran to her Mother and said: "I accepted Jesus today." Yes; another life for the Lord.

Now it is later—months later. Who are among the active young people in the Grace Brethren Bible Church? Aixa and "CoCo," her brother. In fact, the whole family is active. Why? Because God planned

a rainy morning so we could meet a certain historian.

Does the story end there? No. The Morales invited another family of Morales to church. This family was no relation. Now also with the first Morales family comes the second family—the husband, wife, and two fine boys.

Now the second Morales family found another family who needed the Lord and a church home. So they not only invited them, but brought that family to Grace Brethren Bible Church. We have no snow in Puerto Rico, but the "snowball of attendance" is growing.

Because of a couple drops of rain, three families have been contacted, Christians have been strengthened, and souls have been saved. Only glory will reveal the wonderful chain of events which started when the quiz idea started in the national Brethren youth work.

We in Puerto Rico thank the Lord for the blessing these teams have been to us and our people. The joy of knowing that the team was eager to serve the Lord anytime, anywhere really paid off. What more could they have done to carry out I Corinthians 10:31: ". . . whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Not only did they quiz, but they also sang, testified, and lived a life that glowed for Christ.

As I look back on the past year and review the chain of events, I marvel at how God works, and count it a privilege that I am His and He is mine—" . . . and I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

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## Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the Maxwell Brennemanns in their English-speaking work in Puerto Rico.

2. Also remember the James Dickson family as they use the Spanish language that they might be able to effectively express themselves and God's love.

3. Pray daily for our newly-elected patroness, Mrs. Ralph Hall and her assistant, Mrs. Robert Wise.



# 1963-1964 SMM Offerings, Goals, Recommendations

## Offerings for 1963-1964

1. September–November (Due Dec. 10) Home Interests .....\$1,000  
Recreation room for Girl's Dorm at Grace College
2. December–February (Due Mar. 10) Operation SMM .....\$1,000
3. March–May (Due June 10) Birthday Offering .....\$1,500  
1. Higher Education of Missionaries Children  
2. Car for Dr. Taber to use on the Field
4. June–August (Due Sept. 10) Publication and Youth Council ....\$1,000  
For Missionary Herald expense and Youth Council  
general expense .....\$4,500

### LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

(Dates must be postmarked no later than specified date)

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring. The fall meeting for program and overall planning, and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.

2. At least one post-card item sent to the National SMM editor using the following suggested schedule, if possible:

November 1—East and Midwest

December 1—Indiana and Northern California

January 1—Michigan and Southeast

February 1—Allegheny and Iowa

March 1—Northern Atlantic and Northwest

April 1—Southern Ohio and Southern California

May 1—Foreign Mission points with SMM's

June 1—Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio

3. All National Offerings sent in by the specified date.

4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to the district secretary and one to the district patroness by July 1—keep the third one for the local files.

5. Each girl purchase her own handbook at five cents each for Little Sisters and Juniors; and ten cents each for Middlers and Seniors. These may be ordered from the national SMM literature secretary (patroness notes to all groups available and patroness handbook available for twenty-five cents.)

6. Martha Goal No. 1 be sent, as soon as completed, to the national SMM vice president, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana.

7. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the year. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program. (Remember, April is SMM birthday month.)

8. At least 75 percent of the girls complete all Mary and Martha Goals.

materials which will help them organize their group.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend:

1. The local SMM's meeting all local organization goals be recognized as Honor SMM's.

2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.

3. That the district having the highest per capita giving to the national, district, and local will receive the honor plaque.

4. That Mrs. Thomas Inman be appointed national SMM devotional program chairman for 1963-1964.

5. That the 1964-65 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the national SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1963.

6. That the devotional program committee for 1965-1966 be from the Northern Ohio District with Mrs. Robert Wise as chairman. And that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the national SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1963.

7. That Carol Welborn be appointed national SMM treasurer for 1963-1964.

8. That Rosalie Ash be appointed national SMM editor for 1963-1964.

9. That Beth Pifer be appointed national SMM literature secretary for 1963-1964, and that all supplies be ordered from her.

10. That the national board meet previous to conference 1964 and each member receive \$5 per working day present.

11. That Mrs. Carl Miller, chairman of the "Idea Book" committee, continue in this capacity for the year 1963-1964.

12. That an SMM girl of the year be selected and honored at national conference 1964.

13. That the awards for the personal goals be as follows:

For memorization of a book:

1. \$7.50 toward an SMM sweater.

2. \$7.50 toward national youth conference.

3. \$7.50 toward material ordered from the Missionary Herald.

4. Key necklace.

5. SMM travel clock.

For Seniors reading the Bible through:

1. The Amplified New Testament.

2. The Amplified Old Testament.

3. A Christian book.

4. Key necklace.

14. That the revised Constitution be presented at national board meetings 1964.

## Additions and Corrections

If you have not sent in your statistical blank, please do it immediately even though it is overdue. We need the list of all local patronesses and presidents.

### DON'T FORGET:

The "Operation SMM" offering for June, July, and August is due September 10 to the national SMM treasurer, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana.

### SMM NATIONAL OFFICERS

President—Miss Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana

V. Pres.—Miss Paulette Macon, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Secretary—Miss Janice Campbell, 1100 East 8th Avenue, Johnson City, Tennessee

Treasurer—Miss Carol Welborn, 1411 W. Winona Avenue, Warsaw, Indiana

Lit. Sec.—Miss Beth Pifer, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Editor—Miss Rosalie Ash, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Patroness—Mrs. Ralph Hall, Route 3, Warsaw, Indiana

Ass't. Pat.—Mrs. Robert Wise, 276 College Street, Wadsworth, Ohio

Dev. Program Chairman—Mrs. Thomas Inman, 590 S. Dale Court, Denver, Colorado

### DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.

2. A display of some activity carried out through the year to be presented at National Conference.

3. District secretary compile the statistical report, and send to the district patroness to be checked. The district patroness in turn will send one to the national secretary by July 15, keeping the other two copies for the district files.

4. District help their president, or girl representative, to come to early board meetings. (\$15 or more, considering the distance.)

5. The district patroness contact newly-organized churches, or churches without SMM's, that they might receive the SMM

## Suggested Program for October

### Bible Study:

"The SMM girl . . . is a 'soul-winner' like PRISCILLA"

Junior—Mrs. Lester Smitley

Middler—Mrs. S. C. Grubb

Senior—Mrs. John Neely

### Mission Study:

"Serving My Master . . . by My Daily Living"

Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman

### Memory Verses:


Prov. 11:30b

Prov. 11:30

Daniel 12:3



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Pastor Robert McCormick reports a successful VBS at Community Brethren Church during July 15-26. The enrollment reached 255, while the average attendance was 187. There were about 25 decisions to receive Christ as Saviour. A total offering of \$292 was received, of which \$155 was designated for a boat project for Amazon Bill Burk.

DAYTON, OHIO. Homecoming day and the seventh anniversary celebration of the First Brethren Church will be celebrated Sept. 15. The "White Sisters" will sing in the morning, and the evening service will feature the showing of the "Tony Fontaine Story" film. Forrest Jackson is pastor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Burch, 4091 Pafford Rd., Dayton 5, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller, 206 Rowland Ave., Modesto, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Archie Lynn, Hotel Banning, Banning, Calif. Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Schneider, 2137 Burton Ave., Fort Myers, Fla. (Tel. WE6-1724.)

AKRON, OHIO. Two weeks of Vacation Bible School was held at First Brethren Church during July 8-19. The average daily attendance was 193, and the total offering was \$143.77. John P. Burke, pastor.

PERU, IND. The George Johnson family, Brethren missionaries to Brazil, were the guest speakers at the Peru Brethren Church during Aug. 9-11. Missionary Johnson spoke at the final service of the VBS at which time a \$40 gift was presented to him. The average attendance at VBS was 103. Fifteen young children responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour on the final day. Mrs. Johnson was honored with a

Tupperware party on Friday sponsored by the WMC groups, and many useful pieces of kitchenware were presented to her. John Evans, pastor.

CANTON, OHIO. Bobby Dilling, 12-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. John Dilling, was seriously injured at National Conference when accidentally hit in the left eye by a golf club swung by another boy. The vision in the eye is apparently a total loss. Your prayers are requested as further medical treatment is required. Rev. John Dilling is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here.

NOTICE: The Christian film, "I Saw Aucas Pray," is now available for showing at churches. Write to Max Kent, Kent Films, Inc., 511 W. Second St., Dayton 2, Ohio, for additional information.

HOLLINS, VA. A youth revival was conducted entirely by youth at Patterson Memorial Brethren Church during Aug. 3-4. The special youth speakers were Rev. Bill Gardner, Barry McConagy, and John Burnette. William Byers, pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Pastor Gene Witzky reports that the Ireland Road Brethren Church is successfully meeting their weekly foreign mission goals, and that his church's annual mission goal of \$7,000 now seems certain of attainment.

WHITTIER, CALIF. A Father and Son banquet during July sponsored by the Community Brethren Church, Ward Miller, pastor, was a great success with 200 men and boys present to hear the thrilling testimony of Louis Zamperini.

LEESBURG, IND. Guest speakers at the Leesburg Brethren Church during August were. Dr. Herman Koontz, Missionary Bill Burk, and Rev. Nathan Meyer.

CANTON, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church, John R. Dilling, pastor, held the first service in its new building on Aug. 4. The dedication service will be held Sept. 8 with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, as special speaker.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. A surprise silver wedding anniversary

reception for Pastor and Mrs. Irvin Miller by the congregation of the Rosemont Brethren Church was held on July 31. Gifts of silver, including a silver serving tray, were presented to the Millers at the reception.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The Singer Hill Brethren Church was struck by lightning during National Conference week. The lightning caused \$108 damage to the chimney and roof of the building. Glen Byers, pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Morse Hoover, members of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 19.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Gerald Teeter, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, has accepted the call to become pastor of the Gay Street Brethren Church. He will assume his new pastorate on Nov. 1.

BUENA VISTA, VA. An evening VBS program was conducted at First Brethren Church during Aug. 5-9. The average attendance was 304, and the total offering of \$168.15 was given to missionaries in Puerto Rico. Charles Thornton is pastor.

LISTIE, PA. The Listie Brethren Church, Max DeArney, interim-pastor, reports one of the finest Vacation Bible Schools in its history was held this summer, with an average daily attendance of 120, and many decisions for various phases of Christian experience were recorded.

MANHEIM, PA. Mrs. Russell

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 Brethren Annual are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Dr. Charles Ashman, West Covina, Calif.  
A. Harold Arrington, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Ernest Bearinger, Long Beach, Calif.  
S. Wayne Beaver, Africa  
James Dickson, Puerto Rico  
John Dilling, Canton, Ohio



H. Weber, injured in an automobile accident on Feb. 24, 1963, continues to be a patient in Lancaster General Hospital. A summary of her condition is: the installation of a "Peterson's Pin" in the right hip on Feb. 28 was unsuccessful. Early in July, a "Moore's Prosthesis" was placed in the hip. This appears successful, but the adjusting and complete healing of muscles requires a full body cast for six weeks. This cast will be removed Sept. 14. Prayers for complete restoration are appreciated.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The Indiana District Laymen's Fellowship arranged a special "Family Day at Winona" on Sept. 7. Motorcades came from all Indiana churches for the day. Dr. Torrey Johnson was the guest speaker at the meetings held in the Winona Lake Auditorium.

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** The Grace Brethren Church, Glen E. Crabb, pastor, reports a steady increase in their Sunday school for 63 consecutive Sundays over the corresponding Sunday of the previous year.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** Kenneth Kohler, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, was the guest speaker at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church on Aug. 25. John Burns, pastor.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Guest speakers at the Patterson Park Brethren Church were James Custer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, on Aug. 18; and Gerald Polman, pastor of the Rialto Brethren Church, Rialto, Calif., on Aug. 25.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The Seventy-Fourth Annual Conference of The National Fellowship of Brethren Church was held during Aug. 12-18, 1963. There were 613 lay and ministerial delegates representing 171 out of our 189 Brethren churches. For the first time in history there was a delegate from our fellowship of African churches in the person of Simon-Pierre Nambouzouina. The new moderator and vice moderator of next year's conference are brothers; Rev. Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, and Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., Winona Lake,

**NOTICE:** Free literature was sent to our Brethren mission field in Puerto Rico on Aug. 30, 1963. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company sent 106 books and booklets to Puerto Rico in response to a request of our missionaries for free literature to meet a special need on the field. This gift of literature is a part of the free literature ministry of your Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Ind., respectively. The next conference will be held at Winona Lake during Aug. 17-23, 1964.

**BEAVER CITY, NEBR.** The Grace Brethren Church, Dayton Cundiff, pastor, entered a testimony float in the County Fair parade and won first place in the "Organiza-



tions" division. The prize winning float carried a 14-ft. metallic cross bearing the words, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." Nine juniors in gay costumes rode on the float to depict people from different lands.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** The Mansfield Christian School, an interdenominational private school, which has had temporary quarters in the Grace Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor, has tentatively set Oct. 27 as the dedication date of the new quarter-million-dollar building located on a 24-acre campus at 500 Logan Road.

**ELKHART, IND.** V e r n o n

Schrock, of Waterloo, Iowa, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church Aug. 18. The church will also co-sponsor a four-day Bible conference Sept. 17-20 with Dr. Lehman Strauss, Dr. Howard Sugden, Dr. Louis Paul Lehman, B. M. Notage, and Dr. John Balyo.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Linda Moore and Noel Hoke, July 26, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

June Martin and Ed Voss, July 6, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

Donna Lou Hite and James Franklin Thomas, Mar. 23, Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

Doris Ann Bussard and Ronald Ellis Zimmerman, Mar. 16, Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

Jo Anne Lemmon and Charles Denny Klingensmith, Aug. 23, First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Sharon Nelson and Curtis Frame, Aug. 11, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Margaret Ann Longnecker and James M. Ruel, Aug. 10, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Alice Peabody and Roger Miller, Aug. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

Paula Leatherman and Terry Hildreth, Aug. 17, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Linda Faugl and Bruce Swetlic, July 28, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

June Carol Beery and K. Howard Immel, Aug. 10, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

Rita Morris and Morris Sackett, Aug. 31, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Donna Heitchler and Keith Mitchell, Aug. 24, Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

Diana Bergmeier and Tom Scoggin, Aug. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.



# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the special emphasis at this season of the year on the work of Brethren Home Missions and its needs.

PRAISE God for the number of families that were added to Home Mission churches last year and pray for the new family goals for the year ahead.

PRAY for the many decisions made by the recent annual board meeting effecting the work of Brethren Home Missions.

PRAY for the Navajo Mission Boarding School and the new teacher, Miss Donna Gilkerson.

PRAY for the members of the Brethren construction crew as they complete the Vandalia building now and move on to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the next building program.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the successful beginning of the Fall semester in the College and Seminary.

PRAY for the completion of the new dormitory and general dining hall at the earliest possible time.

PRAISE God for the measure of recovery that has been given to Dr. McClain from his recent operation.

PRAY for a deep spiritual atmosphere to pervade the campus of Grace schools this year.

PRAY for the efforts now being made toward the accreditation of Grace College.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for the newly-elected officers that God will bless their efforts.

PRAY for an awakening of laymen to their God-given responsibilities.

PRAISE God for the many lay soul-winners in our Fellowship.

PRAY for the salvation of souls

as our men visit missions, jails, and hospitals.

PRAY for an increased interest in our National Fellowship activities.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that we may reach many new people through the enlargement campaign.

PRAY for Sunday school conferences in the Southeast District.

PRAY for the staff of the National Sunday-school office during these preparatory days for enlargement.

PRAY for the continued financial support of the National Sunday School Board.

## SMM

PRAY for the national officers as they begin their duties.

PRAY for the spiritual growth of each SMM girl.

PRAISE the Lord for the wonderful Bible and mission studies which have been written for the coming year.

## WMC

PRAY that our programs for this year will enrich our lives spiritually and cause us to be more eager to serve our Lord in a greater and more effective way.

PRAY that we, as women of the WMC will become more burdened in prayer for our missionaries.

PRAY for the new officers of the national, district and local WMC for the year 1963-64.

PRAY for Mrs. Ralph Zimmerman who is to undergo major surgery in September.

## YOUTH

PRAY for many teen-agers who gave their hearts to Christ this summer in our district camps and in our National Youth conference.

PRAY for wisdom as we make plans for the coming year in the field of youth in The Brethren Church.

PRAY each weekend for the Youth director's ministry in our churches with young people and youth leaders.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the salvation of Sylvia, a young girl from Puerto Rico. Pray for growth in her spiritual life.

PRAY for the establishment of a youth program at Ciudad Belgrano, Argentina, and for the James Marshall family as they serve there.

PRAISE God for the growth and blessing in the work in Hawaii. Pray concerning lots and buildings for both Waipio and Waimalu.

PRAY for our missionaries in France, the Fogles and Juliens, that they will receive much help and blessing as they attend a conference in September for Christian workers in Europe.

PRAISE the Lord for the ministry of our African brother, Simon-Pierre Nambozouina as he spoke at National Conference and in many of our churches. Pray for him as he resumes his work in Africa.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the excellent response of our Brethren people in purchasing books and supplies from the Missionary Herald bookstore during National Conference.

PRAY for the building of the proposed additional office space for the Christian Education Board in the Herald building.

PRAY for the writers of Sunday-school materials that they may meet their deadlines.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the many decisions made in the meetings held by our summer team comprised of Allen Schlatter and Dave Seifert. The Lord blessed in a marvelous way as they ministered in a number of Ohio churches.

PRAY for Ron Thompson as he begins his first season of full-time evangelism. His schedule has already begun. Ask the Lord for a real harvest of souls.



Compiled by Dave  
Hocking, National  
Youth Director

# Youth Page

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## SUMMER MISSIONARIES

One of the most effective ways of giving young people a vision of the needs of our mission fields is to send them during the summer to our various home-mission points to see for themselves what missionary service is really like.

In the pictures on this page, you will see two of our summer missionary girls who worked this summer in Taos, New Mexico. You will also see a group of children gathered in front of the Taos (New Mexico) Youth Center for their Daily Vacation Bible School. These are hungry hearts, and in desperate need of the Saviour. Reaching these precious souls for Jesus is the greatest thrill that could come to the heart of a young person seeking to know God's will for his or her life.

Seven missionaries went out this summer to our three fields: Taos, New Mexico; Cuba, New Mexico; and Clayhole, Kentucky. It costs us a great deal to send these summer missionaries and pay for their expenses, but we feel that it is worth it all. It is our prayer that we may continue to send many more mis-



Linda Holmes (left), of Grandview, Washington, and Kathy Little, of Chico, California.

sionaries in the years that lie ahead, but we will need your help. If you would like to have a part in sending these young people each summer to our mission points, drop us a line to "Summer Missionaries," Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana. We would love to hear from you.



Group in front of Taos Youth Building

## WHY DO TEENS QUIT CHURCH?

In the last four months, we have been discussing the NSSA Survey on "Why do teens quit church?" We have presented the opinions of teenagers who were contacted. This month we want to look at the positive side of this question. What can we do to prevent teen-agers from dropping out? Here are a list of things:

- Win teens to Christ.
- Instruct teen converts.
- Follow-up absentees immediately.
- Conduct parent-teen meetings (perhaps one or two a year).
- Get to know each teen personally.
- Assign each of your teens to an adult who will pray for him daily.
- Keep the congregation informed on what your young people are doing.
- Get young people together with youth from other churches.
- Let teens evaluate your church's total youth program.
- Be available for counseling.

This list could be expanded, but these things if done properly will in some way or another prevent teen dropouts. There are a few things in a teen-ager's life that may give a clue as to his soon departure from your church. Check on these things: Spasmodic attendance (He may be losing interest.)

Chronic griping. (His gripes may not be justified, but this is still a sign that he may be on the way to quitting.)

Changes in homelife. (If his parents quit church, or attend spasmodically, a teen may do the same.)

May God help us to reach many teen-agers for Christ before Satan turns their young hearts in rebellion from receiving Christ and committing their lives to Him.



# Church Hitch- Hikers

Ninety-five percent of evangelical church members have never won a soul to Christ. When we remind ourselves that two souls go into a Christless eternity every second, *this is appalling!* What's wrong with church members? Why aren't they seeking to reach the lost for Christ? The recent remark of an evangelist seeking to name the cause said: "The majority of church members today are 'hitch-hikers.'"

A hitch-hiker that you might pick up along the highway is given a ride in a car you own, powered by gasoline you have paid for, and sometimes supplied refreshments and food at your expense. He has nothing but his time invested. A church hitch-hiker worships in and uses the church paid for and maintained by others. The church hitch-hiker is that member who seeing a log being carried by one man at one end and ten men at the other, will when made to work edge his way to the end of the log where the ten are. These hitch-hikers are never to be found at the church after the Sunday noon benediction. The activities, such as youth work, Sunday school, the calling program, maintenance of the property, and the prayer effort must be cared for by the minority already overburdened with duties.

Perhaps there is a need for church members to re-establish in their minds the purpose of the church. May we have it firmly fixed in *our* minds, do our utmost to accomplish this purpose, and then lead others into this truth. First of all, the church was never intended to be God's soul-saving agency. This statement may be shocking because today it is in the church services where most decisions are made for Christ. The command to evangelize was given to the individual believer. In the Acts account of the beginning of the church, we find that when a soul was won to Christ, God used a believer, not a church service. When there was a testimony to go forth to reach the lost the Holy Spirit said: "Separate me Barnabas and Saul . . ." These believers were taken out from the church to carry the Gospel, while the church continued in its ministry.

May we note the Biblical purpose of the church. In Ephesians chapters 3 and 4, among other things pertaining to the church, the purpose is clearly stated in 4:12 and 13. We are told that the members should do the work *in* the church of *building* the church until all members attain oneness in the faith, until all members have an accurate knowledge of Christ that they might arrive at maturity, completeness of personality, and not less than Christ's own stature. This is a ministry of teaching and training, not evangelization.

The program that accomplishes this purpose is revealed in chapter 4: 7 and 11. We read that God has given everyone of the members varied spiritual gifts, and then in addition He has given His grace according to the measure of the gift. Thus assuring success in the use of these God-given gifts. Hitch-hiking is not mentioned as one of the gifts.

The standards for the personnel implementing this program is found in Luke 14:26. Church members are to separate themselves from anybody claiming a higher love and devotion than that devotion given to Christ. They are to take up their cross of self-death daily, following close behind Christ—close enough to Him so that as His foot leaves a footmark the church member's foot will immediately step into it. The church



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San Jose, California

member God uses in His program will say goodbye to materialism. Another aspect of this standard is seen in Philippians 1:29 where church members are called upon to suffer for Christ's sake. In this fellowship of suffering members will manifest the power of His resurrection as they are conformed to Christ's image.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is an example of this plan in operation. Several laymembers of the Fort Lauderdale church were sent to Margate to start a new mission point. Today Margate is a thriving church. Just a year or two later several more families from the Fort Lauderdale church were sent to Pompano Beach to start a second mission point. Just recently the new group purchased lots upon which to build their

new church edifice. Hitch-hikers will never be found in such pioneering movements. With the many centers of population that we have here in the Bay Region this Florida picture could have been duplicated here in northern California.

Hitch-hikers are also developed, perhaps unconsciously, from those who have the wrong conception of Christ's service. Too often the one who is dependent upon the Gospel for his living is the only one considered in full-time service. The resulting conclusion being that such a one is the only one to lead a soul to Christ. All Christians are in full-time service—the butcher, the baker, the plumber, the salesman, the teacher, the farmer, the homemaker, the secretary when saved are in full-time service. There is no such thing as

part-time service for the Lord. Some shabby thinking can suffice in providing an alibi for failing our responsibility in this service. One man gave such a reason to his pastor. The pastor asked the member to call with him on a seriously ill man, probably unsaved. The member begged off saying he was very busy. Said the pastor: "Then, I'll wait. But remember, the —man—is—dying." Here is our great trouble today—we are doing all the things Christ told us not to do and forgetting the one thing He told us to do! We are pounding our heads together seeking to vindicate a personal version of the truth, while two souls every second, while 120 souls every minute, while 3,000 souls every day are going to a Christless eternity. Do we know that we shall give an account of ourselves to God?

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**LANDRUM, Mize**, 86, father of Rev. Clyde Landrum, Asst. General Secy. of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society; and Rev. Sewell Landrum, former pastor of the Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky., went to be with his Lord Aug. 18. Mize Landrum was active in the Clayhole Brethren Church from its very beginning, and donated materials for the church building.

—Robert Dell, pastor.

**LORD, Mr. George B.**, 70, father of Mrs. Harold Mason, Brethren missionary serving in Africa, and a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., was called home to be with his Lord Aug. 8. Rev. John Aeby and Rev. Glen Crabb officiated at the funeral service.

—Glen E. Crabb, pastor.

**SHOEMAKER, Mrs. LuLesta**, 59, a faithful member of the Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa., went to be with her Lord.

—Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.

**HOOVER, Lloyd H.**, a faithful servant of God was called home Aug. 13. He served in almost every office of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

—Charles Turner, pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Flora, Ind. ....	Sept. 8-15 ....	Lee H. Dice ....	G. Lingenfelter
Ashland, Ohio ..	Sept. 8-15 ....	Miles Taber ....	Nathan Meyer
Hollins, Va. ....	Sept. 15-22 ....	William Byers ..	Bob Jones, Sr.
Warsaw, Ind. ....	Sept. 22-29 ....	Richard Sellers ..	Bill Smith
Trotwood, Ohio .	Sept. 22-29 ....	Larry Gegner ....	Don and Bel Launstein
Cedar Rapids, Iowa .....	Sept. 29-Oct. 6 .	Wayne Baker ....	Bob Collitt
Waynesboro, Pa..	Sept. 29-Oct. 6 .	Robert Crees ....	Richard Grant

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# Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Dr. Harold H. Etling  
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## BUFFALO, NEW YORK TO HOST NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Buffalo, New York, gateway city to world-famous Niagara Falls, will be host city for the 18th annual National Sunday School Convention, October 2-4.

The second largest city in New York State, metropolitan Buffalo has a population in excess of one million. The city gets its name from a French word meaning "beautiful river." It was named by early explorers when they saw the Niagara River and the now famous Niagara Falls, a year-round tourist attraction.

Although there are some American cities which have more Protestant churches than does Buffalo, it is expected some one hundred local churches will identify themselves as NSSA cooperating churches by financially backing the local Sunday School Association's convention budget, as well as endorsing the aim of the 1963 Convention, "For Times Like These—Exalt Christ." The local association budget cares for the convention meeting place and local advertising. All other major expenses are taken care of by the National Sunday School Association.

A general convention committee of some two hundred persons made up of sixteen subcommittees are caring for the multiplicity of local details involved in the staging of a national convention.

Main sessions of the convention will be held in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium. One hundred seventy-five workshop sessions will be held both in Memorial Auditorium and in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, the convention headquarters hotel.

Registration at convention times will be \$3.50. By registering before September 15, individuals may take advantage of a dollar saving and pay only \$2.50. For Sunday schools who

register 90 percent or more of their staff prior to September 15, the cost is \$2 for each staff member.



Dr. Clate A. Risley

Dr. Clate A. Risley, Chicago, executive secretary of the National Sunday School Association, will speak at the National Sunday School Convention, Wednesday evening, October 2, on the subject, "We Can Double in a Decade, If . . ."

In October 1955, at the tenth annual National Sunday School Convention in Spokane, Washington, Dr. Risley was presented the title "Mr. Sunday School of America."

Dr. Risley says: "The National Sunday School Association is an interdenominational, evangelical, service organization seeking to serve the local churches and Sunday schools of America. It is a people with purpose and program."



Dr. Harold H. Etling

Dr. Harold H. Etling, national president of the National Sunday School Association, is Sunday School Board Director of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. His presidential address will open the National Sunday School Convention, Buffalo, New York, on Wednesday afternoon, October 2, in Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. Etling has spent twenty years in pastoral work and numerous phases of Christian education. He is the author of seven textbooks used in connection with the Christian Worker's Training Course of Brethren Sunday Schools.

Dr. Etling lectures at Grace Theological Seminary in the field of Christian education. He is also a speaker and lecturer at Sunday school conventions and conferences across the country at the local, state, and denominational level.



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# EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

## Where Is the God of Philippians 4:19?

It was a great day when the Apostle Paul arrived at the riverside prayer meeting in Philippi. The Spirit of God directed the path of this man of God to this group of people for a specific ministry and the organization of a testimony for Christ (Acts 16). The conversion of Lydia, that of the Philippian jailer and his household, plus the deliverance of Paul and Silas from prison bears great evidence that this church knew of the dynamic power of prayer.

The support which this church gave the Apostle Paul in sacrificial giving, the acceptance of equal responsibility to reach and help others, the placing of their lives and talent on the altar for service (II Cor. 8:1-6) indicated that Paul's ministry in the Word accomplished its intended result. This church grew and was blessed of God in a practical knowledge of God and His Word.

Paul taught this people that God was able to meet their need out of His abundant resources (Phil. 4:19). He spoke out of experience and assured them that God would fulfill this for all the children of God. This church grew into a thriving and vibrant organization, motivated by their love for Christ and their concern for others.

Is the statement of Paul, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," true today? Is this promise of the Word available to the children of the Lord in this hour? Have God's resources proved sufficient that the validity of this promise can stand without question? Do Brethren people have a right to claim this promise now?

The answer to these questions is one big "Yes." What Paul promised the Philippian believers came from God and is available to all the children of the Lord: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . . that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17). God's resources have not waned, He is abundantly able (Eph. 3:20). Brethren believers may lay hold upon these precious promises of God.

Where then is the God of Philippians 4:19? This answer is simple. God is where He has always been, ready, able to hear and answer the petitions of His children. God has not changed (Mal. 3:6). No; we cannot lay our problem upon God's doorstep.

More correctly, we should ask, Where are the believers who will walk in righteousness, who will walk in God-given faith, who will flee from sin, and walk in the power of God that the Lord may be pleased to bless? Where are the children of the Lord who will turn their backs from criticism, scorn, spite, deceit, and all the works of the flesh? Where are those leaders who, like the Apostle Paul, have such unflinching faith built upon the knowledge and experience of God, who will stand as captains of the faith? Where is the sacrificial spirit of New Testament believers, the undying love and concern for souls, and the utmost desire to love and to please our Lord?

Brethren, let us pray for revival! Pray that we might see a new sense of simple trust and faith in God. Pray for the cleansing from sin, for a consciousness of God's presence in the individual life, for revival of love for the Lord Jesus!

This is a critical hour in Brethren home missions. Pray for the strengthening of our missionaries, our people, and our churches. Pray for an increased burden for the work of church extension in our Brethren church. We need the support and help of every member and friend of Brethren churches to retire our financial deficit, to provide funds to meet the operating budget for this year, and the faith to step out on the promises of God. Just a little less than a nickel a day during this year from every member of The Brethren Church would retire our deficit, provide adequate operational funds and allow for further church extension this year. We must see now the God of Philippians 4:19 at work in the hearts of our people. ▼

## COVER PHOTO

Laying the cornerstone in the Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio, on August 4, 1963.

Left to right: Mr. Ralph Fleck, building committee member; Sherwood Durkee, pastor; Mr. Edward Applegate, building committee chairman; and Mrs. Edith Friend, building committee member.



# A Cornerstone--Another Step

By Rev. Sherwood Durkee

*Pastor, Vandalia Grace Brethren Church*

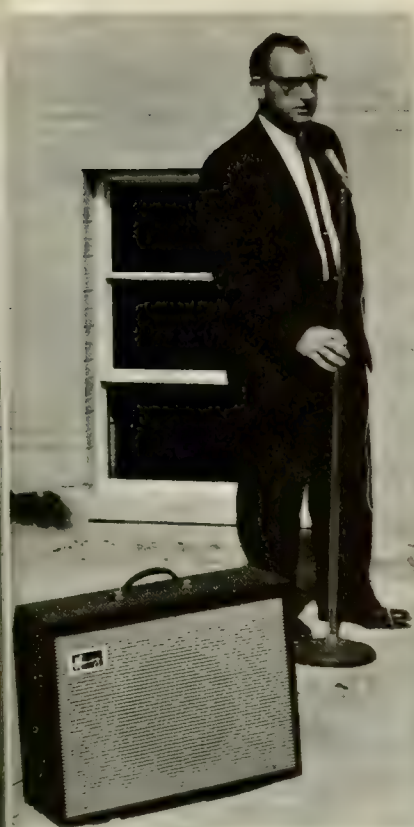
On August 4, 1963, the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church laid the cornerstone for the new building. One hundred twenty-five members and friends of the congregation came to the afternoon service which was held under the partially shingled roof of the new edifice.

Dr. L. L. Grubb, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council, brought a challenging message. He pointed out that building a physical structure is fine, but not enough. Dr. Grubb illustrated through God's Word that the building of the church of Jesus Christ deals with the souls of men and not wood and stone.

There were experiences of the partially completed building which will linger in our memories. The naturally "air-conditioned" building and improvised seats of decking planks and

blocks added the "frontier" spirit to this pioneering congregation. The window behind the speaker was not installed, and this gave a view of the white clouds and the blue sky which indicated that God had given the most beautiful of backdrops for the messenger of the hour. The speaker commented that the stained glass to be set in place later would never be as beautiful as the view experienced in those solemn moments. Everyone was reminded that these clouds demonstrated with great force that our Lord may come at any moment, and the work that is to be done must be done with great haste.

Rev. John Mayes, assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, spoke to the congregation and received the offering of







the afternoon. Once again, the Lord richly blessed through the gifts of the members and friends.

The laying of the cornerstone was another step toward the realization of the prayers of the faithful members of the congregation. At the inception of the Bible class on October 15, 1960, the class unofficially claimed Jeremiah 33:3 as their guidepost: "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

The building committee members, Edward Applegate (chmn.), Mrs. Edith Friend, William Reeder, Ralph Fleck, and Pastor Durkee, considered the hour of the cornerstone laying as a fitting reward for the time spent in the discussion and planning. Marion Forrest served originally on this committee, but his work has taken him to Columbus, Ohio.

The Brethren construction superintendent, Don Sellers, set up a schedule for stages of completion and expenditure of building funds. This was done at the very beginning of the building program and up to this date both the construction progress and fund expenditures have been coinciding almost to the day and dollar. This takes the coordination of the Lord with weather, the crew, and church members on labor and the suppliers of materials. We believe that the Lord has directed the control over all these elements to make this record. The crew which has become a very real part of us at Vandalia will soon leave us for the next project in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Several pieces of information con-



Top: Vandalia cornerstone service. Center: Vandalia building as it looked August 4. Bottom: The construction crew, Bert Jordan, Ray Sturgill, and Don Sellers, superintendent.



cerning the Vandalia Grace Brethren Church were placed in a copper container and inserted behind the cornerstone. A list of the charter members, a copy of the *Missionary Herald* (April 20, 1963,) a list of the construction crew members, a copy of the constitution of the church, and a copy of the charter with the State

of Ohio; these were all placed in the container.

The congregation continually senses the stamp of God's approval on the work. We are constantly aware that all that has transpired has been the result of His work. We are very thankful. "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done." ▼



# 3,025 Brethren Students in Grace Schools?

By Frank J. Poland

One moment please! This is not the registrar's figure for 1963—but it could be.

Just a few weeks ago a small new home-mission church was dedicated in Toppenish, Washington. It was featured in the August 24 *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Two personal testimonies arrived too late to be included with the Toppenish story. We expressed our regrets to the pastor, Don Farner, while he was here for the national conference.

In the course of the conversation I learned that the two testimonies were from girls enrolled in Grace College. I knew there were other students in Grace from Toppenish and asked how many. Brother Farner replied: "Five, and we have wonderful prospects for more in the future." I know that the church in Toppenish is small, so I asked: "How many members do you have?" The reply was forty-six.

The 1963 National Conference statistical report read 27,833 members and five Brethren students in Grace Seminary and College for every forty-six members adds up to 3,025. To project this one step farther it would mean 2,420 Brethren

students in Grace College and 605 Brethren students in Grace Seminary.

The geographical location of this small home-mission church would not favor such a record. Toppenish is just about as far removed from Grace Schools as it is possible to be in the continental USA.

At this point you are probably saying: "Well, two of those are members of the pastor's family." This is true and even by reducing the five to three the figure would be 1,815 Brethren students in Grace Schools. The question is immediately raised: "Well, why don't we have 3,025, or even 1,815 Brethren students in Grace Seminary and College?" Could the answer be in Matthew 9: 38: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

From time to time the point has been emphasized that "The Brethren Church Grows With Home Missions" and here is a case in point. As these students complete their training at Grace Schools, they will take the Gospel to all parts of the world. On a praying, giving, going basis, Brethren home missions is setting the pace.

## Testimonies From Toppenish Students

I am thankful that I had the privilege of attending a home-mission church. It's different from other established churches on their own—you learn to develop and use your talents for the Lord, and you experience the trials and hardships of a new church.

I've experienced many spiritual blessings in the Toppenish church these past years. I continually thank God that I am a Christian and attend a fundamental church.

We now have a beautiful church, and I pray that we will be a testi-

mony for God in our community.

—Luvernia Schacht

The Grace Brethren Church of Toppenish has been a wonderful place of worship for me. It has been a place of Christian experience and guidance; a place where I have learned to work with fellow Christians, and where there is wonderful fellowship.

There are many opportunities for service in a home-mission church, and for this reason I have been drawn closer to my Saviour and want

to be in His service wherever He may call me.

To be a member of a home-mission church takes much faithfulness and hard work; but what is our faithfulness compared to our Saviour's faithfulness, and what is hard work, when our goal is winning souls for the Lord Jesus Christ?

I have experienced many spiritual blessings in the Toppenish church, and I thank our Lord for providing us with a beautiful new building in which to worship and bring others to hear the Word of God.

—Rose Mary Everett

I'm thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of a home-mission church in the making. In addition to belonging to a home-mission church, I have had the opportunity to attend our denominational college and am looking forward to entering Grace Seminary this fall. The combination of these privileges has encouraged me to consider seriously entering home-mission work after completing my seminary training. The work of home missions is as challenging to me as that of foreign missions is to those who look forward to serving the Lord on the foreign field.

—Don Farner, Jr.  
Seminary Junior

I'm privileged to be one of the five young people from Toppenish, Washington, who are attending Grace this year.

The four years and 2,600 miles between the Toppenish church and myself is easily bridged by prayer. I've been rejoicing as year after year I have heard of increased attendance, dedication of lives to God's ministry, and a beautiful church building having been erected.

Two thousand six hundred miles is a long way to go for college training, but the distance is nothing when you know your church is backing you in prayer, and when you know the education you receive at Grace is Christ centered.

We look for more young people from Toppenish in the near future as the pastor "pushes" Grace College.

—Tim Farner  
Senior at Grace College

Praise God for Brethren home mis-



sions! Had a Brethren pastor and his wife not responded to God's call to start a work in Toppenish, Washington, I would not be at Grace College today.

The references made by the pastor and his family to Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary made it seem so close and familiar. Perhaps God used this to give me the courage to go 2,600 miles to college.

How well I remember the admonitions of this faithful pastor to the young people. He encouraged them to train for God's work in a school which teaches the truth and which was sound doctrinally.

This kind of encouragement in local churches produces young people who are loyal to The Brethren Church. If our churches are not able to produce loyal Brethren young people today, where will we find our loyal Brethren leaders for tomorrow?

—Sandra Simpson Farner  
Junior at Grace College

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*From Pastor Robert Thompson*



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# PRAYER GUIDE CHANGES

There are a number of changes in your "Home Missions Daily Prayer Guide" that you should note. We are bringing you up to date on these changes so you can pray for the new missionaries serving in home missions.

At Wheaton, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff have begun their ministry at the Grace Brethren Church. The former Pastor, Rev. John Burke, is now on the field at Akron, Ohio. The Fetterhoffs served three years for the Indiana District Mission Board as a missionary to the greater Chicago area. Prior to this time Brother Fetterhoff was an evangelist for the Board of Evangelism serving in this capacity since graduation from Grace Seminary. (Note Prayer Guide, page 2d day)



Rev. and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff

The Grace Brethren Church of Elyria, Ohio, will be calling a new pastor since Brother Lingenfelter has resigned and is entering the field of evangelism. The Lingenfelters have served in the Elyria church from its beginning back in December 1953 when at that time it was just a Bible class in a home. (Note Prayer Guide 15th day)

Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Teeter have accepted the call to the Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland. They are still in Findlay, Ohio, and will be until November.



Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Teeter

The Findlay Brethren Church became self-supporting and underwent its second building program during the ministry of Brother Teeter. The former pastor at Hagerstown, Rev. William Howard and his family are now situated at Clayton, Ohio. (Note Prayer Guide 10th day)

The Earle Peer family is now serving in a former home-mission church at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and no longer at Grand Rapids, Michigan. As yet there has been no replacement in this field. (Note Prayer Guide 20th day)

A new teacher has been added to the staff of the Brethren Navajo Mission Boarding School. Mrs. LaDonna (Smith) Malles has been replaced by Miss Donna Gilkerson.



Miss Donna Gilkerson



Mrs. Betty Masimer

In making this change also add the name of Mrs. Betty Masimer of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, who has been employed as a cook at the mission school. (Note Prayer Guide 26th day)

The Alva Conners have been serving in Galion, Ohio, since February of this year. They took the work vacated by Rev. Charles Thornton. (Note Prayer Guide 28th day)



Frank H. Gardner, Jr.

Frank H. Gardner, Jr. with family will be on the field in Davenport, Iowa, October 1, 1963. Brother Gardner is now completing his first pastorate at Camden, Ohio. Brother Gardner is joining the home-missions family after growing up in the home-mission church at Alexandria, Virginia. Rev. Carl Key accepted a call to the Mansfield (Ohio) Christian School, completing his ministry at the Grace Brethren Church in Davenport on September 1. (Note Prayer Guide 12th day)

The final page of the Prayer Guide represents two churches now self-supporting. We would suggest that you remember these missionaries along with those of the other churches.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

On September 4, Rev. Robert Salazar fell from a 10 foot scaffold while installing ceiling tile on their new church addition and was taken to the hospital with back injuries. X-rays revealed no broken bones, but a badly bruised and sore back. He was still in the hospital at the time this news item went to press. Pray for complete recovery.





# ISRAEL CALLS!



## A VERY DISCOURAGING DAY

BY LEANORE M. BUTTON

I was calling on North Orange Grove Avenue in a section where there are many beautiful apartments—all new. As I made my first call of the day, I was met by a short, rather attractive Jewess who opened her window, but not her door.

"What do you want with me?" she asked suspiciously.

I explained that I had some material concerning Passover which I would like to have her look over. Then, not wanting any misunderstanding, I explained the material was mainly written by Jewish men who believed Jesus was the Messiah and that we were interested in having people read the material and then check what they read in the Tenach (The Holy Scriptures).

"I am a good Jew. I don't need your religion," she replied. "I have a complete Jewish education."

I explained that if she knew the Tenach, then she knew what it had to say about the fact we were all sinners and in need of a sacrifice for our sin.

"We have our own religion," she said again, and shut the window.

Oh well, one refusal.

The next few doors remained closed, so I assumed the people who lived there were not home. I slipped my papers in the door and went on.

The next person who answered the door was an elderly lady. Her TV was on so loud she couldn't hear a word I was saying. Since she didn't offer to turn it down, I placed the material in her hand and went on.

At apartment number 6 no one answered. As I stood waiting to see what would happen next, a man carrying a puppy and followed by two other dogs came up the steps.

"What can I do for you?" he asked.

"Do you live here?"

He took out his keys. "That I do. That I do."

I handed him the papers and explained what they were. His expression didn't change. The door opened and the dogs jumped through. He didn't even look at me. He just went in and shut the door, not slamming it, but closing it gently.

Later in the morning I came to an apartment with the number 4. Beside the number was a small sign saying: "Manager." I always try to avoid those apartments until last, but I had the screen door open, and then it was too late to back out. The lady who answered didn't seem antagonistic. I explained why I was there.

"Honey," she said, "I'm afraid you are in the wrong neighborhood. These people are all religious Jews. They won't listen to you. I don't mind, but I'm not religious." Then she grinned. "Say, do you really tell them Jesus is the Messiah?"

I explained that the Jews who wrote this material believe that Jesus is the Messiah. We wanted them to read the Tenach carefully and see what it had to say about sin and how to get in fellowship with God. She listened, more or less interested, and accepted the material without argument.

The next few calls were very unproductive. Some were downright refusals and the others accepted the papers with little interest. If they accepted the literature, I would go away and leave them alone. If they kept quiet and didn't talk to me, I couldn't talk to them forever. It seemed to be a general attitude.

Farther down the street an elderly man opened the door. When he saw what I had, he said: "We have our own religion. We don't want it."

I talked to him a little, trying to explain that it didn't matter about

one's religion. The point was: what did God say about it?

"Tell her you don't want it!" ordered his wife.

The door shut with a bang.

"We have our own religion." How often I have heard those words! And these were the ones for whom Christ died!

I finished the apartment house and as I went out front again, I saw this man standing on the walk waiting for the mailman. I walked up to him.

"You know," I said, "you Jewish people surprise me. You say you have all the answers. You say you have your own religion. And yet you don't know the first thing about what your own Tenach says."

We had discussed the blood sacrifice at his door. Now he said: "We don't need blood. That I know."

I quoted Leviticus 17:11.

"No blood. I am a Jew. I keep the Ten Commandments. I don't need blood."

I told him he couldn't keep the Ten Commandments. It was impossible.

"I do it," he insisted.

"You aren't any different than I am, and I can't keep them," I told him. "I've lived here for a long time and I know how Jewish people keep the Ten Commandments. You can't tell me anything about how Jewish people live and act—they are just like you and me. We have sinful hearts, and only God can provide the proper sacrifice."

At that he smiled. Evidently he knew I was quite right. He glanced around nervously, to see if anyone saw him talking to a missionary.

"Now why don't you take this little paper and check the things you read against what the Tenach says," I told him. "After all, it certainly can't hurt you."



"All right," he agreed, grinning. "You are a good salesman. I'll take it, but I won't believe it. I will read it."

The mailman was coming and the conversation was over. The morning was over, also. It had been a very discouraging day. However, God's Word says, and such words make every day encouraging: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:8-11). ▼

## Home Mission Field Reports

**WINONA LAKE, INDIANA**—Rev. Kenneth Teague, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Virginia, was elected a director of The Brethren Home Missions Council at the last annual meeting of the corporation. He will replace Rev. John W. Mayes, of Long Beach, California.

**BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN** — (Charles Lawson, pastor). We had two decisions for salvation last Sunday (Aug. 25), and three people came for church membership. We finished August with the best average Sunday-school attendance in years and August is the low month of the year.

**LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA** — (William Tweeddale, pastor). We are less than \$1,000 from our goal of having our property paid for before starting to build. We will be planning a ground-breaking serv-

ice as soon as we know when the Brethren Construction Company will be arriving. (Ed. note: This letter written August 26 and by ground-breaking time, about October, the goal should be almost reached.)

**TAOS, NEW MEXICO**—(Sam I. Horney, missionary). Radio Station KKIT over which we broadcast has increased its power from 250 watts to 1,000, thus the outreach of our broadcasts is four times more powerful. Thanks to the laymen of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, who have provided bulletin covers for us.

**GALION, OHIO**—(Alva Conner, pastor). We have just completed plans for the purchase of four lots on Winchester Road. The lots join our present meeting place in the Renschville School and will be a part of a new housing area.

## Cooper Meeting Converts

*By Miss Evelyn Fuqua*

Rev. Mason Cooper, Covington, Virginia, was with us at Dryhill for an evangelistic meeting. It was the second time he has been here, and we believe he was God's man with God's message for us.

A nurse from England accepted Christ as her Saviour. She is a supervisor and teacher in the Frontier Nursing Service of Hyden, Kentucky, and this is her testimony: "I didn't want to come to this country. I did everything to keep from coming, but now I see that I had to come to the United States to find Jesus Christ." This nurse, Miss Margaret Wilson, is grateful for the Brethren Chapel and its ministry.

A coal miner also found Christ as his Saviour during the meeting

and has this to say: "I want to share the good news with everyone who reads this testimony. I am a coal miner and work deep down under the mountains of Kentucky. In that mine it is dark and my sins were blacker than the coal I work in until I accepted Christ as my Saviour. I came to know this Saviour by listening to Brother Mason Cooper preach the 'good news' here at Dryhill. I lived forty-nine years as a drunk and for the world, but now I thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ, who was able to cleanse my sins. I hope everyone who reads this and is not a Christian will not put it off like I did." —Mason Begley.

It was through mud and rain we wended our way in the darkest of




Mason Begley and family

night up Hell-for-Certain Creek to baptize Mr. Begley one Sunday night. He said: "I want to go all the way," and is proving to our community that "If a man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."



# CHURCH NEWS

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**CLAYTON, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church gave the new pastor, William E. Howard, and his family a surprise food shower soon after their arrival in August.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** Sam Horney, pastor of the Canon Brethren Church, received a first place trophy for editing the *El Rotario*, a weekly club bulletin of the Taos Rotary Club.

**DENVER, COLO.** The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church, Thomas Inman, pastor, called their VBS, "Summertime Bible Time," during Aug. 26-30, and reported that the school was different and most successful. The attendance reached a high of 164 with an average of 128. There were a number of first-time decisions for Christ. The school featured: "Uncle Bill" Renstrom, a blind man; "Uncle Bill" Martin, an expert story-teller; and "Aunt Luva" Greenlee, a missionary challenge speaker.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church congregation, Kenneth Ashman, pastor, sponsored an annual youth retreat Sept. 6-8 for its young people in junior high school and above at nearby Camp Luz. Guest speakers were: Chet Kammerer, star basketball player from Grace College and recently returned from a tour of the Orient with the Venture for Victory basketball team; Eloy Pacheco, Grace College student; Ken Sanders, youth planner associated with the National Youth Council; George Johnson, Brethren missionary to Brazil; and Alva Conner, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Galion, Ohio.

**ROANOKE, VA.** The guest speaker at the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Sept. 8, was the

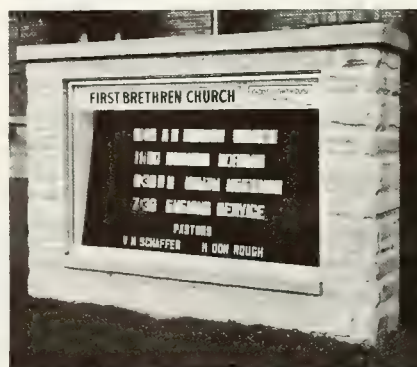
blind Jewish evangelist, Rev. Alexander Marks. Mr. Marks represented the American Board of Missions to the Jews. Wendell Kent is pastor.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Ernest Bearinger, minister of education at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., was the guest speaker at Cherry Valley Brethren Church Sept. 1. Archie Lynn, pastor.

**JACKSON, MICH.** The Grace Brethren Church, Gilbert Hawkins, pastor, reports a record Sunday-school attendance of 64 on Aug. 4. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman held special stewardship services in the church during August.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** Evangelist Bill Smith was the guest speaker for two Sundays this summer in the Sunday-school department of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

**KITTANNING, PA.** Pictured below is the new bulletin board that was recently erected on the church lawn of the First Brethren Church.



The attractive sign was designed by Pastor William Schaffer and constructed by two laymen of the church, Mr. Raymond Tarr and Mr. Clifford Hawk.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO.** Lee Crist tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Brethren Church on Sept. 1.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Don Rough has resigned as assistant pastor and director of music at First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., and has accepted the call to become pastor of the Riverside Brethren Church.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** The First Brethren Church is planning a week of celebration for the Fiftieth

Anniversary of the church during Oct. 20-27. Dr. Louis S. Bauman was pastor of the church for thirty-three years, and the present pastor, Dr. Charles Mayes, has ministered to the church for seventeen years. Dr. Orville Jobson, former superintendent of Brethren missions in Africa, is scheduled to be one of the speakers at the anniversary service.

**GARDENA, CALIF.** Theodore Malaimare has resigned the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church. The resignation will become effective Dec. 1.

**MARGATE, FLA.** Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button, Brethren missionaries to the Jews of Los Angeles, Calif., were guest speakers at the Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 1. Dean Risser, pastor.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** On Sunday, Oct. 13, the First Brethren Church will observe her golden anniversary. The first pastor was Rev. A. V. Kimmell. Dr. L. S. Bauman was the evangelist in a campaign which gave impetus to the work in its beginning. Other pastors who served the church are: Dr. C. H. Ashman, Dr. Charles Mayes, and Rev. Keith Altig. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, the present pastor, has been serving the church for the past ten years. A Sunday-school annex and youth building have been added to the original building, and the latest improvement being a complete remodeling and refurnishing of the sanctuary.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Guest speaker at North Long Beach Brethren Church on Sept. 15 was Mr. Lorn Sanny, president of Navigators.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Joseph L. Gingrich, Seville, Ohio  
Roy Glass, Altoona, Pa.  
Carl Key, Mansfield, Ohio  
Raymond Kettell, Roanoke, Va.  
Jake Kliever, Africa  
Galen Lingenfelter, Elyria, Ohio

Mr. Sonny Dukney, a converted Hindu, will give his testimony to the congregation on Sept. 22. George Peek is pastor.

**CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO.** Approximately 120 members and friends were present for a farewell held Sunday evening, Sept. 1, in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Richard Burch. Pastor Burch has now assumed his new duties as pastor of North Riverdale Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio.

**NOTICE:** Churches considering new hymnals are invited to consider *Inspiring Hymns* published by Singpiration. The Brethren Missionary Herald offers them to churches at \$1.70 each in quantities, postage paid. (*Inspiring Hymns* was the first choice of the National Conference Hymnbook Committee.)

**SOUTH BEND, IND.** Jennifer Lynn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gene Witzky, was born Aug. 27, weighing 9 lbs. 15 oz. A congenital nerve disorder has caused almost complete paralysis of the lower extremities of the body. The prayers of our entire fellowship are requested. Brother Witzky is pastor of the Ireland Road Brethren Church.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** M. L. Myers, pastor of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, reports that construction of their new church annex will begin the last of September according to the builders. The dedication date is hopefully and tentatively set for Christmastime.

#### NOTICE

"Selected Highlights" catalogs have been mailed to all those persons who regularly receive the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Another catalog, containing 64 pages and more complete in scope, will be mailed to all those requesting it, at no charge. It contains books, gifts, church, and Sunday-school supplies, and so forth. Send a post card to the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. and your copy will be mailed free and postage paid.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**SANDERS, Mr. Edgar**, father of Ken Sanders who is associated with the Brethren Youth Council of The Brethren Church, went to be with his Lord on Sept. 10. Edgar Sanders was a faithful member of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.

—Gene Witzky, pastor.

**KINSEY, Mrs. Cora**, 83, went to be with her Lord Sept. 4. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., for many years.

—James Sweeton, pastor.

**KNOPSNYDER, Mary J.** went to be with her Lord on July 27. She

was a charter member of the Reading Brethren Church, Stoystown, Pa.

—Leonard Bennett, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Nancy Hause and Ellsworth Clevenger, Apr. 14, Reading Brethren Church, Stoystown, Pa.

Mary Marie Hause and Bernard Lape, Aug. 22, Reading Brethren Church, Stoystown, Pa.

Judith Ross and Robert Chittenden, Aug. 27, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Melanie Gauvey and Ivan Shawver, Aug. 31, Clayton Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio.

### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

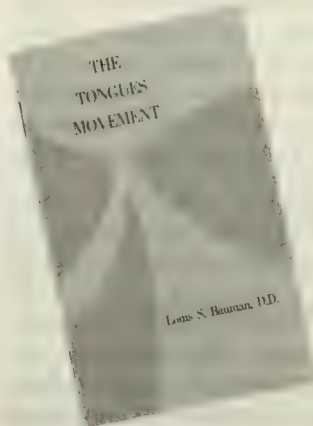
Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Roanoke, Va. . . .	Sept. 26-Oct. 6 .	H. L. Radford . .	G. Lingenfelter
Kittanning, Pa. .	Oct. 2 . . . . .	Wm. H. Schaffer	R. I. Humbert
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Oct. 6-13 . . . .	Mark Malles . . .	Leo Polman
South Bend, Ind.	Oct. 9-20 . . . .	Gene Witzky . . .	Bob Collitt
Osceola, Ind. . . .	Oct. 13-20 . . . .	Scott Weaver . . .	Bill Smith
Limestone, Tenn.	Oct. 16-27 . . . .	Lester Kennedy . .	G. Lingenfelter
Lansing, Mich. . .	Oct. 20-27 . . . .	J. W. Tressler . .	Earl Funderburg
Uniontown, Pa. . .	Oct. 20-Nov. 1 .	True Hunt . . . .	Wm. Schaffer
Portis, Kans. . . .	Oct. 23-Nov. 3 .	Clarence Lackey .	Bob Collitt
Roanoke, Va. . . .	Oct. 27-Nov. 3 .	Kenneth Teague .	Bill Smith

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By Rev. Emlyn H. Jones

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## WHAT DOES BELIEVING REALLY MEAN?

Not only was the prison overcrowded, dirty, and dark, but it was also without heat. This is the condition in which the Apostle Paul found himself in Philippi. Paul and Silas had been arrested for being Jews in a gentile city, for teaching customs foreign to Rome, and because they had rebuked an evil spirit in a certain damsel who was bringing much profit to her masters by her soothsaying.

In spite of the environment Paul and Silas sang hymns at midnight. They witnessed of the Saviour's love, and God responded with a miraculous earthquake. The foundations of the prison were shaken, each door was opened, and all the chains that held the prisoners were unloosed. Because the prisoners did not try to escape so impressed the keeper, and he was so grateful for his own life (for had they escaped he would have been killed) that he humbly and earnestly asked Paul: "What must I do to be saved?" Paul's classic answer was and still is: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

### **What Does Believing Involve?**

The Scripture says: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life . . . For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life . . . Verily, verily, I say unto

you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life . . . He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (John 3:36, 16; 5:24; Mark 16:16).

There are so many folk in our world who do not understand what these Scripture verses mean. The difficulty surrounds the meaning of the word "believe." To some it means a mere mental assent, while to others it doesn't even involve the intellect, but only the emotions. Others feel that the meaning involves both the intellect and the emotions.

In a personal worker's tent after an evangelistic effort, I heard a worker tell a seeker that all he had to do was to believe and God would save him. The seeker asked the worker what it meant to believe, but the believer being unable to explain the function of believing passed up the question and simply urged the seeker to believe. The seeker did what he was told to do, but this writer wonders if he truly did believe, for he did not have it explained to his satisfaction.

The question: "What does believing really mean?" is not an easy one to answer, for it involves many things.

### **Means Being Persuaded**

The person who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ is one who is fully persuaded in regards to His person and work. He is *convinced* that Jesus

is what He said He was; that is, He is the I AM, Jehovah God. He is persuaded that He was before Abraham, that He came down from heaven, and that He is in himself God of very God. Believing is *confidence* in the facts of the Gospel; that is, Christ is virgin born, lived a spotless life, fulfilled the law, died for others. He rose again the just for the unjust, ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of the Father as our high priest interceding for us. Believing is *knowing for certain* that He is the way, the truth, and the life, that He is the water of life, the bread of life; yes, even the resurrection and the life. No one will see God without first seeing by the eye of faith the Son of God.

His work demonstrates who He is. He asserted that if you can't believe on Him simply on the basis of what He said He was, then believe on Him for what He is able to do. One time a blind man was brought face to face with His divinity because he was healed from his blindness. At another time a centurion admitted His divinity because He believed that Jesus could heal His servant. Even at His death great admissions were made. "He saved others" . . . "truly this was the Son of God" . . . "certainly this was a righteous man."

To hold any mental reservations about the person and work of Christ is not to believe at all. Unbelief will bring the unbeliever to the lake of fire that burneth forever. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him . . . but the Jews which believed not . . . but when divers were hardened and believed not, but spake evil of that way . . . for as ye in times past have not believed God . . . that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea" (John 3:36; Acts 17:5; 12:9; Rom. 11:30; 15:21).

There are those today who do not believe, and yet they claim to be Christian. This is a calamitous situation within the church—wolves in sheep's clothing. May God keep men from our pulpits who are not fully persuaded and who do not fully believe.

### **Means To Trust**

The believer trusts in *convictions*.  
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# implements of evangelism



By Evangelist Bill Smith

I sense a fresh interest of our churches in the ministry of evangelism and revival. The church is not left in the world to dream or drift. We have been left by God to do a specific task.

Christianity's day of opportunity is here. We have the ear of the people. Let God speak! This is the hour for revival.

I trust you may feel my "heart beat" for evangelism as I outline these three implements.

## Leadership

First, allow the Holy Spirit to have complete leadership. Sometimes old truths require reaffirmation. Our own talents, no matter how great they may seem to be, are absolutely powerless apart from the work of the Holy Spirit.

Much service which is performed in the name of the Lord seems to be done in the flesh. We are not surprised when spiritual results do not follow.

The conversion of men and women is a decided act of God, the Holy

Spirit being the instrument bringing it. What is hindering the Holy Spirit from working mightily in our hearts? Why is the church not catching men for Christ in the manner that it ought? The fault is not with God; it is with us.

Dr. A. B. Simpson once said: "A consecrated life is a dedicated life." Dying to self is indeed one of the hardest things to do and usually it is our last action before we give up in surrender. It seems as though we never get God's best until we get to the desperation point.

Have you ever studied the paradoxes of the New Testament? Think of just a few.

We see unseen things (II Cor. 4:18). We conquer by yielding "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). We reign by serving (Mark 10:42). We are exalted by being humble (Matt. 23:12). We are wise by becoming foolish (I Cor. 1:20-21). We are free by becoming slaves (Rom. 6:17-22). We are strong when we are weak (I Cor. 6:10). We triumph by defeat (II Cor. 12:7-9). We live by dying (John 12:24).

## Vision

Vision is the first qualification for every Christian (Prov. 29:18).

Some say: "I am only interested in things near me, or at least clearly visible and present."

If our lives are going to be potential for Him, then we must learn the lesson which is found time and time again in the Old and New Testaments; namely, that the one who is used by God is one who has a vision.

Moses had a vision (Heb. 11:27). So did Paul (II Cor. 4:18).

We first must have a vision of God before we can have a vision of the world and its spiritual need. It is God first, not the need of the world. This may be one of the reasons why some return from the mission field after only one term of service. They had the vision of the need of the world, but they forgot that it is a divine call which must come first.

I am personally praying that our Fellowship of Churches might have a vision of an evangelistic ministry that will lead us to the heights of

endeavor. I am also praying that our seminary might very soon have a department of evangelism so that the men coming out of this school might be able to preach a message, give an invitation, and get results.

## Passion

Deep within the soul of man there is a hunger that only God can satisfy. Humanity is in need of the bread of life and Christ is saying to us: "Give ye them to eat."

Formal religion is cold. Many church services are cold and dull. No longer does the fire burn brightly on the altar. If the fire is not out, then there are only a few dying embers left alight.

But what about our spiritual lives? Do we carry the burning passion of a true herald of the cross, or are we holding on to some cold and dead orthodoxy? A church can only advance in evangelism as far as its pastor advances.

The disciples on the Emmaus Road, when telling later of the experience that they had with the resurrected Lord, said: "Did not our heart burn within us?" They found that their Lord kindled a flame.

How can we capture this fire? We need passion in our witnessing and in our preaching.

Many were the charges which the enemies of our Lord brought against Him. They said He was in league with the Devil. But the one that I am sure must have grieved Him deeply was that of being accused by His friends of being beside himself.

This has always been the fate of those who would break away from old ideas. Columbus suffered this fate; Galileo was placed in prison for stating that the world was round; Harvey was ridiculed when he ventured to say that blood circulated within the body; and Saint Francis of Assisi was called mad by his father when he chose poverty.

Moody when he preached with "spiritual fire" was called "crazy Moody," and David Livingstone was believed to be demented.

So with Christ. As long as He dwelt at Nazareth they understood Him, but when He laid aside the tools of the carpenters' bench to take

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# Laymen's Page

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman



Scene at one of the laymen's sessions.



Men leaving the Westminster Hotel after one of the sessions.

## Conference Reflections

A tremendous spiritual challenge was experienced by all the men present at the conference sessions of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. The 121st through 124th sessions were held in the Rainbow Room of the Westminster Hotel, and the 125th session in the chapel at Grace Seminary. Theme of the conference was "To Me To Live Is Christ."

Speakers at this year's sessions included Ken Kohler, president of the

National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen; George McQueen, president of the Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Laymen; Don Spangler, our missionary printer in Africa; Hobard Roark, owner of the Roark Furniture Co., Laura, Ohio, and Russel Dunlap, business manager of Grace Seminary and College.

Average attendance for the week was eighty-four, and offerings totaled \$229.90 for the general fund. The annual laymen-pastor's breakfast was held on Friday, August 16, in the Winona Hotel dining room. There were 156 in attendance at this function, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship around the tables.



Pictured here on the steps of the hotel are your laymen's officers for the 1963-1964 year. Left to right, they are: Ken Kohler, president; Ben Zimmerman, treasurer; Ralph Grady, secretary; Herb Edwards, vice president; and Ken Herman, Laymen's Page Editor.



Laymen-pastor's breakfast



Ushering at the general conference sessions was in charge of the laymen again this year. A few of the many men who assisted are pictured above. Left to right they are: W. R. Nelson, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio; Harvey Skiles, Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio; Herb Edwards, Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio (head usher); and Ray Andrews, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa. (Photos by Allen Zook.)



## WHAT DOES . . .

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His belief is not an objective, abstract dimension to his living, but a reality in his life. To trust is to *rely upon*, to *depend upon*, to *place your reliance upon* the blood of Jesus Christ that it was shed for our sins, and that without the shedding of blood there is no remission. Trust is the very essence of believing, and the result of such trust is the joy and peace of God. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [trusting] that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:13).

### Means To Receive

"But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that *believed on his name*" (John 1:12). To say that you believe in Jesus Christ and not receive Him by repentance, and invite Him to enter into your life, is to make yourself a liar. Belief includes receiving.

### Means Communion With Him

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the son and believeth on him may have everlasting life, and *I will raise him up at the last day*" (Jer. 6:40).

To believe on Jesus Christ is to make Him a part of you. Jesus becomes a part of you when you receive Him. His Spirit makes your body His temple, for He is pleased to dwell there.

### Means a Change in the Person's Life

When Christ becomes a part of you, you cannot be the same. A new life is created, and this new life stifles the old life. The believer demonstrates his belief by his life. Many so-called believers pay only lip service to the Lord; they do little work for the Saviour. They walk the aisle, say they believe, but their interest is not in Sunday school or in any part of the church. They never witness to men. They hide their talents; they don't give cheerfully; they don't read the Book, and their prayer life leaves much to be desired.

True believers show the change; their fruits show it. Do you trust and rely upon the finished work of Christ? Is your life changed?

## Our Church

There is a work that should be done,  
Perhaps you are the called—the one.  
So now, if after you should pray  
And Christ has led you all the way,  
The task that you are called to do  
Is done for Christ and not for you.

The work we do expecting praise  
Is not according to His ways.  
A love work this should always be  
For human effort you can see  
Is never pleasing to our Lord,  
As we have read in His dear Word.

Now then, if after you have prayed  
And feeling sure that you've obeyed,  
That you are *not* the chosen one;  
Then if by you the job's *not* done,  
You'll please the Lord and you'll be wise,  
If others you don't criticize.

—Evelyn Carlisle  
Pasadena, California

## IMPLEMENTS . . .

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up the life of a wandering preacher, they told Mary to take her deranged Son home.

The world never objects to your passion or enthusiasm in the realms of nationalism, sports, business, or the stock markets; but whenever you get ablaze for God, you will find that you become the focus of criticism. (Frequently this criticism is from within the church.)

Recently I read the story of a church that was destroyed by a disastrous fire. Great crowds of spectators gathered, among them a man known to be a skeptic. A church member who was standing alongside him spoke saying: "Well, I never saw you near the church before." "No," replied the skeptic, "but then I never saw the church on fire before."

An American missionary society received a letter from the Far East in which this appeal was given: "Send us some men with red-hot hearts to tell of the love of Christ." We speak of the love of God and death of Christ in voices that are dead and cold. We have lost the spiritual luster of our faith.

We are living in the dark, and not in the resurrection light of the cross. What is wrong with us? Is it that we have lost our passion?

At the Pool of Bethesda in John 5, there was a man who had life, but not health. At the grave of Lazarus, we see a man who had life, but not liberty, and Jesus commanded, "Loose him" (John 11:44). A Christian without passion is like these two, without health and without liberty.

The truth is that our passion is lacking because we are often slothful, more interested in things than in Christ. Precious hours have been wasted; we have not been busy in season and out of season.

Let us not forget that our preaching will be different if we have His passion.

"How shall this passion for souls be mine?"

Lord, make Thou the answer clear;  
Help me to throw out the old  
lifeline

To those who are struggling near."

The night is rapidly coming, may the Holy Spirit of God freshly anoint us to do the work of evangelism while it is yet day.

(This message was given to the Brethren Ministers at National Conference on August 15, 1963.





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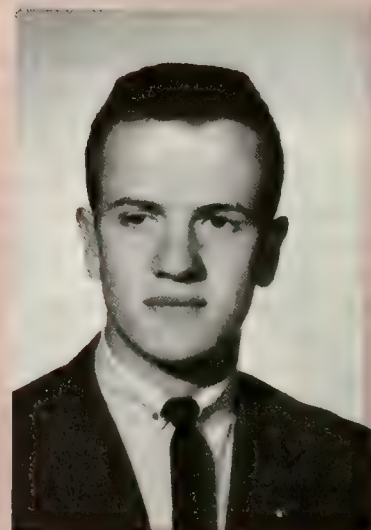
**JERRY RAY YOUNG**

President, Seminary Student Body  
Member: First Brethren Church  
Sterling, Ohio  
Future: Pastorate

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**LARRY DeARMEY**

President, College Student Body  
Member: Winona Lake Brethren  
Church, Winona Lake,  
Indiana  
Future: Enter seminary



# President Hoyt Speaks



## Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges

Since 1959 Grace College has been a member of The Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges. The purpose of this organization is implicit in the title. It is an effort on the part of such colleges to help one another that they might upgrade their educational standards, become regionally accredited, and continue to provide quality education. The organization came into existence in 1956. Of the fifty-two colleges which constituted the charter membership, forty-seven have become regionally accredited. There are now sixty-three colleges belonging to the group of which Grace is one. An office is maintained in Washington, D.C. with an executive secretary whose business it is to work with the various member schools and pass on all the benefits available.

Twice each year these schools are represented in a national workshop in some strategic location. The summer workshop is usually held in August, the winter in January. The summer workshop this year was held on the campus of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. The theme was administration, designed for presidents and deans. To this workshop Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., dean of the seminary; Prof. E. William Male, dean of the college; and I myself went. We feel that this was highly profitable. Last year a similar workshop was held on the campus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, and dealt with buildings and campus. Out of that came the ideas that have since taken shape in our own campus development program.

## Principles of Administration From Bible

Dr. John Dale Russell, long associated with education, and now retired and living near Bloomington, Indiana, was the chief consultant of the recent workshop. With some surprise and with no little gratitude on the part of Christian educators, this man went to the Bible for the principles he presented in his opening address. It was not difficult to discover why. He explained that he had a conservative background in the Presbyterian Church, which in a generation ago, was occupied with the preaching and teaching of the Bible. This man did not parade his knowledge of the Bible at this point, nor did he apologize for citing these principles from the Scriptures. I list them as he gave them.

First, the importance of delegation of authority and responsibility (Exod. 19:13-26). Moses found himself overwhelmed with responsibility to the people and unable to perform all the duties himself. His father-in-law Jethro gave him some good advice, and Moses accepted it.

Second, there is necessity for a unity of command (Matt. 6:24). No man can serve two masters. It will produce frustration if he tries it, and it will ultimately

result in confusion. Therefore every administrator should be careful to organize his staff so that each member knows the person to whom he is responsible.

Third, explicit explanation of duties and responsibilities should be provided for each member of the staff (Exod. 18:20). Careful formulation of principles, the publishing of them, and clear explanation is essential if maximum output and efficiency is to be expected from teachers and officers.

Fourth, there is absolute necessity for well-qualified personnel (Exod. 18:21). This last cannot be minimized in its importance if there is to be the most harmonious relations and the most efficient operation. Since this area of organization is so important, I am going to give a fuller statement as Dr. Russell developed it.

## Importance of Well-qualified Personnel (Exod. 18:21)

1. People of *similar experience* should be chosen for responsible positions. Jethro counseled Moses to "provide out of . . . the people." This qualifies them to understand those with whom they work, as well as the life over which they must preside.

2. The *widest possible survey* should be taken to recruit the best personnel. In his advice to Moses, Jethro insisted on providing "*out of all the people*," the leadership. This calls for an examination of the entire constituency from which able men may be drawn. No possible person should be overlooked.

3. Men who *recognize their limitations* are most likely to be the men who will succeed. Men, "such as fear God," are most likely to be the kind of men who will deal kindly and well with the people over whom they serve. A man who does not recognize his need for guidance from a supreme being is a dangerous man.

4. Men who are *dedicated to the truth* will be the kind of men who will make substantial contribution. "Men of truth" are not mere "yes" men. And since colleges are set for the purpose of learning and promulgating truth, these are the only kind of men who can be depended upon to promote the task successfully.

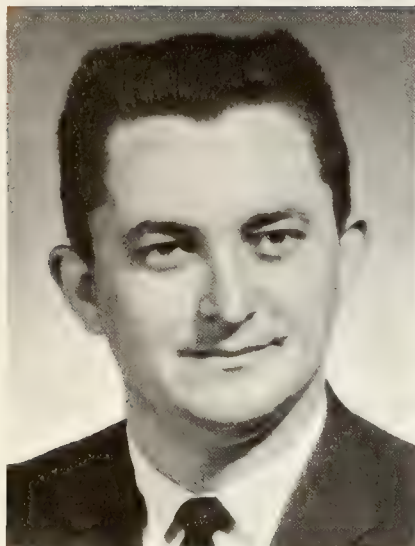
5. Leaders must be *men of integrity* if they expect to direct others in the achievement of great ends. "Hating covetousness" describes the virtue of putting the professional task above private interests. This kind of leadership will succeed in the operation of colleges because they will draw forth the best from those they lead.

## Functions in Accordance With Gifts

The above principles in the selection of leadership will undoubtedly lead to personnel possessing various and sundry gifts. Functions should then be assigned in accordance with the gifts. This will make for putting the right man in the right place where his gifts will enable him to perform the functions that are assigned. After surveying these very simple, and yet profound truths, one is made to realize that here is wisdom that is not from the human level, and more than that, it is recorded in "The Book of Divine Wisdom." Pastors and churches could well apply these principles in the selection of leadership for the church, and the results would be forthcoming.



## What Grace Seminary Means to Me



As I reflect upon the four years I have spent in study at Grace Theological Seminary my mind goes back to a group of godly Brethren pastors who met at Christiansburg, Virginia, in 1959, and who took enough interest in me to pray for God's will concerning my life and ministry. I often marvel at the decisions made, the victories won, and the many godly movements which have begun out of the concerned prayers of others. I thank God today for the faithful prayers lifted up to heaven for me by pastors, family, and friends.

I am thankful to God not only for what I have learned at Grace Theological Seminary, but also what it has meant to me from the standpoint of my own life and future ministry. Grace Seminary not only teaches the Brethren distinctives which I cherish, but also a sound,

Bible-centered theology which I so needed. Since coming to Grace I became a member of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This has further led me into the reality of my present ministry under the Brethren Board of Evangelism. Thus the calling I received of God in 1953 to enter the field of evangelism has been realized.

As I look back upon the events of the last ten years, I can better see the vital role Grace Seminary played in the plan of God for my life. As I sat in chapel and sung that hymn, "Marvelous Grace," I have prayerfully thanked God for that grace which set me free from the law of sin and death. I praise Him who led me into His harvest field of service. Grace Theological Seminary played an important part in His plan.

—Ronnie Thompson

## Spiritual Life at Grace

One aspect of Grace that makes it different from other colleges is its emphasis on the spiritual life of each student. Many of our activities are centered around the Lord, but the one which impresses me the most is our daily chapel service.

At 9:30 every morning the faculty and we students cease in our activities and classes to assemble for a chapel service. It is so wonderful to begin the day by fellowshiping with other Christians around the things of the Lord. The chapel service gives

each one of us a brighter outlook for the days as we talk to the Lord and listen to His Word.

Although all the services hold special meanings and blessings, I look forward to those days when we hold our prayer-and-praise chapels. In these services I am encouraged as I hear different students give words of praise and testimonies to what the Lord has done for them. These services once more remind us of the many blessings which our wonderful Lord has given us.

—Judith Kirkpatrick



## Grace Is Friendly

As long as I have known about Grace I have always been impressed by the friendliness and consideration of the students. My first few weeks at Grace brought this fact home to me even more. The students all made me feel so much at home that the adjustment to college life was made much easier.

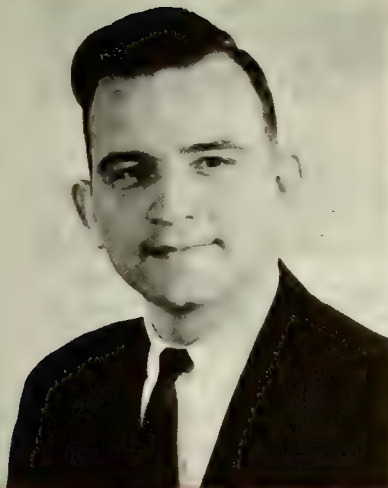
The students also seemed to have a deep sense of spiritual backing behind all that they did. The Lord's

will was always a basis for everything done. I'm thankful for this because it has helped me to realize more the need for each of us to do the Lord's will in even the small unimportant things of life.

Grace offers much to its students, both academically and spiritually. I'm thankful that our college is Christ-centered.

—By Susan Clouse





Paul R. Fink

## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

A new name appearing on the roster of faculty members of Grace Seminary is that of *Paul R. Fink*. Mr. Fink spent his earlier years in southern California, and was graduated from Culter Academy High School in Los Angeles in 1948. He then entered Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, in 1952, and was graduated in 1956 with his bachelor of arts degree. The next fall he began his graduate work at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, and received his master of theology in 1960. Entering the doctoral program he completed all but his dissertation in June 1963. During the year ahead he will finish this and receive his Th.D. as of next June.

Mr. Fink will be teaching homiletics and practical theology in the seminary. He has had several years of teaching and pastoral experience, and is well qualified academically and from experience for his area of teaching. In addition he plans to take several courses of study at Grace Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Fink are members of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California.

*Mrs. Paul (Mary) Fink* will be teaching in the field of education in Grace College. Mrs. Fink is also a graduate of Culter Academy High School. Her undergraduate work was taken at the University of California at Los Angeles receiving her bachelor of arts in 1951. She then entered the University of South Carolina where in 1955 she was granted the master of arts in education degree.

*Rev. J. Paul Dowdy* will be the instructor in Missions in the seminary and the college. Mr. Dowdy received his bachelor of arts degree at Ashland (Ohio) College, and his bachelor of theology at Ashland Seminary. His graduate study in theology earned for him the master of

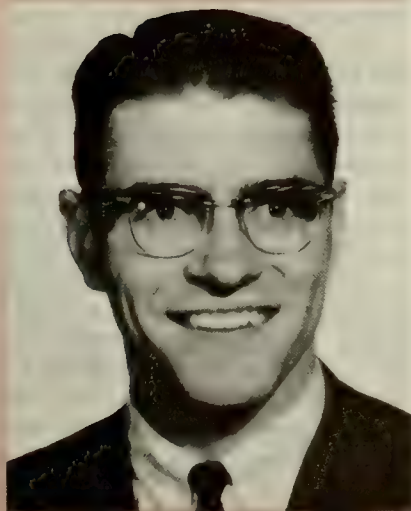
theology, and his doctoral program is in preparation. He also took graduate study at Ohio State University.

*Miss Suzanne Royer* is the new dean of women at Grace College. Miss Royer graduated from Wilson High School in Long Beach, California. She started her undergraduate work at Biola College in 1950, and attended Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee, 1950-1952. In 1952 she transferred to Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, and earned her bachelor of arts degree in 1954. In 1958 she was granted the master of arts degree from Long Beach State College in the field of education. Two years later she started additional graduate work at Stanford University, and received a master of arts in mathematics in 1963. Along with her work as dean of women she will teach mathematics. Her teaching included several years at Brethren High School in Long Beach, California. She is a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

*Mr. Larry Poland* has been called by the board of trustees to be the new acting Registrar of the college, and Director of Student Aid. Mr. Poland graduated from Warsaw (Ind.) High School, and received his bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton College in 1961. He has served since then as teaching fellow in speech and sociology. The bachelor of divinity degree is in preparation at Grace Seminary.

Part-time instructors will include: *David Dilling* (Greek), *Richard Dilling* (Mathematics and Physics), *Carol Ann Ford* (English, Education), *Richard Kriegbaum* (English), *David Miller* (English), and *James Nesbitt* (French).

The board of trustees and the faculty welcome all of these to the Grace campus and family.



Larry Poland



# *A Missionary's* RECOGNITION OF PURPOSE

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt



"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

There is almost perfect agreement among men concerning the fact of Christmas. But this remarkable unity is shattered the moment one inquires into the meaning of the fact. Among the various explanations given to this event certain principles run true to form. The world explains this event in terms of the flesh and on the earthly level. Christian people in general apprehend meaning that lies very close to the surface. But the Scriptures are unvarying in striking at the heart of this crisis in history.

Certainly the Apostle Paul was striking at the heart of this event in the course of an exhortation to the church at Philippi (Phil. 2:5-11). In this passage containing seven verses and 131 words, six of those verses are devoted to doctrine, one to duty, 119 words to explanation, and twelve to exhortation. In this article our time will be given almost wholly to the six verses explaining the mind of Christ.

## *The Dedication of His Self-sufficiency*

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (v. 6).

The key phrase in this is "the form of God." The word form does not refer to shape but essence, and marks the fact that Christ is in every sense God. Since He is God, it follows that He possesses all the attributes of God: attributes of personality, attributes of greatness, and attributes of goodness. In personality He is living, intelligent, purposive, active, free, self-conscious, and spirit. In greatness He is self-existent, eternal, unchange-

able, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, perfect, infinite, and incomprehensible. In goodness He is holy, true, love, righteous, faithful, and merciful. Both as to quantity and quality Christ is equal to the Father, and is therefore self-sufficient.

Self-sufficiency not only qualified Him, but also gave Him authority to act like God, as the words "to be equal with God" are intended to convey. If wealth and power and glory, both metaphysical and moral, constitute one with the right to act as a sovereign, and to do according to His own will, then Jesus Christ possessed every conceivable right. This would have granted Him the right to exercise force or violence as indicated by the word "robbery," to have protected any possession or reach for any object of desire. The translation in the American Standard Version suggests the protection of His possession: "The being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped." The translation of the King James Version suggests the reaching for something desired: "Robbery to be equal with God."

In either case or both, Christ did not follow this principle of conduct. He was motivated by a principle of conduct which was heavenly, supernatural, and divine. Within the eternal Trinity, He was perfectly satisfied with His position as Son in relation to the Father. And when He confronted eternity and its unfolding in time, He was not at variance. In the fullness of time, He must become man and perform an infinite ministry at the cross for lost men. In some sense this would be bound to limit His activity as God, either in relation to what He already

possessed or in relation to what He purposed to gain, or both. But He did not shrink from responsibility. He turned His back on the well-known principle of conduct and refused to count His divine sufficiency as grounds for acting as God.

To put the matter positively, He dedicated His self-sufficiency to the task of carrying out the eternal purpose of the Father in the salvation of men. The words, "thought it not" (KJV) or "counted not" (ASV) represent a Greek word which means that Christ made a decision in eternity past which took the leading place in all His thinking. It was made on the basis of the facts in the case and not His feelings. It was settled once for all. It brought into operation all the resources of the infinite God in Christ to bear upon the salvation of men.

## *The Surrender of Self-direction*

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (v. 7).

The key phrase in this verse is "the form of a servant." It marks that experience into which Christ entered at the moment of incarnation. This explains the opening words of the verse: "But made himself of no reputation." The American Standard Version has chosen to be more literal in translation here, by using the phraseology, "but emptied himself." Literal translations, however, are not always the best translations, for they often fail to convey into another language the sense of the original. It is the feeling of this writer that the King James Version excels at this point. A reputation is what



we know of people, growing out of their independent action. A person who must constantly serve under the direction of another, either willingly or unwillingly, deteriorates into a non-entity in the eyes of others, and he himself is conscious of this. This is the point at issue in this statement. Christ emptied himself by giving up His reputation as God in that He surrendered His own self-direction. That is, He gave up the independent exercise of His own attributes. He did not become less than God. He merely gave up as a person the self-direction of those divine attributes.

This self-limitation is further described by the succeeding statement: "And took upon him the form of a servant." The word "form" is precisely the same as in the preceding verse. It describes an outward form that clearly indicates interior nature. This means that Christ not only acted outwardly like a servant, but this outward behavior also clearly indicated His inner attitude. Christ was a perfect servant, absolutely subject to the Father in everything; and the only perfect servant who ever lived. Though it has been correctly said that Christ was the most original speaker who ever spoke, yet there is even a greater truth, that He was the most unoriginal speaker who ever spoke. In fact, He never originated any motives, thoughts, words, or deeds. He was completely resigned to, and under the direction of, the Father (John 4:34; 5:19, 36; 8:29; 12:49).

A concluding expression, "and was made in the likeness of men," completes the picture of Christ's surrender of His own self-direction. This statement not only declares that Christ became true man, but it also indicates that now One who continues as true God is existing as true man. Inherent in this fact is the relation man sustains to God. The glory of man is his relationship to God as servant, and Christ did not hesitate to enter this relationship, even though it meant that He must surrender the independent exercise of His divine attributes. This He did to accomplish the purpose of God in saving men.

#### ***The Sacrifice of Self-existence***

"And being found in fashion as a

man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (v. 8).

The key phrase is "obedient unto death." This takes one to the supreme crisis in the course of Christ's ministry. Dedication of His self-sufficiency led eventually to the surrender of His own self-direction. This path of descent must come ultimately to the sacrifice of His own self-existence, an extreme no mortal has ever comprehended.

The path leading downward to this extreme point of descent is described by the words: "And being found in fashion as a man." "Fashion" is another word denoting form. But this word stands in distinction from the word in verses 6 and 7, in that it denotes an outward form that does not indicate the inner nature. Now that Christ has taken the form of a servant, it is the form of man. In some considerable sense, His humanity veiled His deity so that the outward form did not significantly display His inner nature. Though His mother and disciples recognized distance between Him and other men, they were not sure. It was the Father who had to reveal the fullness of His identity to Peter (Matt. 16:17). To the Jews the humanity completely veiled His deity.

There is no doubt that Christ knew what men would think of Him. To Him this must have been one of the greatest trials of His life. Sincere men shrink from being anything outwardly than what they are inwardly. Yet in the path appointed of the Father, the Son of His love must bear this reproach among men in order to reach the cross and perform the saving ministry for men. He knew the reproach He would bear when He became man. He knew that it would not end at the place of the Skull. He knew it would continue through at least 1900 years of history with men from all levels of society finally classifying Him as mere man, and even the church bearing His name reducing Him to a mere creature.

But at that point in His career when He must descend into the very depths and seemingly confirm the conclusions of men, He did not hesitate. He humbled himself. Humbling is to lower oneself. But how low?

In this statement there is no answer. The word means to become level with the ground. A word from the same root means a carpet. That is something so low that it can be walked upon and used. That is what Christ did. He lowered himself to that level where He could be used as a bridge to span the chasm between a kingdom of darkness and a kingdom of light. Now for these nineteen centuries men have been using that bridge to walk into the kingdom of God. Though there are some who name the name of Christ, who also declare that they refuse to be walked upon, these are the ones the Lord is not using.

Unflinching Christ humbled himself, "and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." This was no ordinary death as the final words of this verse indicate. Some think of its ignominy, others its innocence, still others its physical aspects, and yet others of its spiritual character. It was paradoxical in that the fountain of all life should give up His life. The amazing thing is that it was voluntary. He was obedient unto death. It was not in any sense the death of one who was vanquished and unwillingly surrendered His life. Like a victor He voluntarily delivered over His spirit in active obedience to the Father (John 19:30). In the Biblical sense of the word "sacrifice," He willingly made an offer of His life, not exercising His attribute of self-existence to hold himself in life.

#### ***The Presentation of His Self-achievement***

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (vv. 9-11).

The key phrase is in verse 11: "To the glory of God the Father." This describes what Christ did after the darkness was past and the victory was won. But this too is in the path of descent, voluntarily entered by the Lord Jesus. It may appear at first glance that it marks a change of di-



# Grace College

## HIGH SCHOOL

## DAYS

To properly entertain our guests it is necessary to divide our churches so as to handle those attending HIGH SCHOOL DAY at Grace College.

All high school juniors and seniors are invited. The suggested division is:

Nov. 1  
East of Indiana-Ohio State Line

Nov. 8  
West of Indiana-Ohio State Line

- ★Attend college classes and chapel.
- ★Enjoy the talent program.
- ★See the college play.

rection, an ascent to the very heights. But the incomprehensible glory of this amazing and infinite performance will be bound to humble any soul that catches even a glimpse of its splendor.

As reward for achievement fitting recognition is given to Christ. "Wherefore"; that is, on account of which. On account of the dedication of His self-sufficiency, the surrender of self-direction, the sacrifice of self-

existence, God the Father has crowned Him with a whole series of rewards. He has exalted Him to the highest place. He has given to Him the ineffable name. He has subjugated to Him all created intelligences. He has decreed worship for Him as Lord. Exaltation and deification are His now. Subjugation and adoration are yet future. This is His glory, the well-deserved and proper reward for a ministry com-

pletely finished and perfectly performed.

Then in that moment when we are rejoicing with Him in reward for His achievement, He turns and offers it all to the Father. Is there not something about this that is totally out of focus, completely incongruous with moral rightness? Does not one feel creeping up within him a resentment as he remembers the time when for the fruit of his toil the credit went to another? Is this not a similar situation? Can it be possible that there is moral inconsistency within the Godhead, if this sort of thing prevails? Is there some way to resolve this baffling situation?

A more careful reading of verse 9 helps to clear up the problem. Notice the word "also." Wherefore God *also*. Also what? "Also" throws the reader back upon the previous text. As a servant in the hands of the Father, Christ performed every ministry, dedication of self-sufficiency, surrender of self-direction, sacrifice of self-existence. And now that the victory has been won, the Father again does something for the Son. He makes a presentation of four amazing crowns. But the Son with perfect comprehension of the fact that all achievement was wrought by the Father working through the Son, and in perfect agreement that the Father deserves the glory, makes presentation of His own self-achievement.

In amazing splendor, the mind of Christ has unfolded before us. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (v. 5). To the average believer this command may seem overwhelmingly misapplied. Surely no human being can be asked to follow the example of this One who is infinitely removed from him. If there be any doubt, the words of verses 12 and 13 confirm and explain further: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (v. 12). This is the call to apply the mind of Christ to Christian conduct. But there follows an explanation and an encouragement. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (v. 13). This means that every resource in God is working in the believer to carry out this mind. ▼

# DORMITORY FUND REPORT

Sept. 6, 1963

## Receipts and Pledges:

### Receipts to date:

Gifts: Building .....	\$111,655
Gifts: Furnishings .....	5,379
Investments .....	533,269
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### Unpaid pledges:

Gifts: .....	\$ 3,497
Investments: .....	7,000
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	\$ 10,497



Building .....	\$600,000
Furnishing & Other .....	118,000
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GOAL .....	\$718,000
Total Receipts .....	650,303
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Balance needed .....	\$ 67,697

## GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 1963

	General Fund	Building Fund		General Fund	Building Fund		General Fund	Building Fund
Allegheny			Portis, Kans. ....		10.00	Temple City, Calif. ....	2.90	11.50
Aleppo, Pa. ....	5.00	4.00	Nor-Cal			Whittier, Calif.		
Jenners, Pa. ....	23.50	26.50	Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	84.65		(Community) .....	135.05	
Listie, Pa. ....	100.00	4.75	San Jose, Calif.	17.10		Whittier, Calif. (First)	43.50	7.50
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	300.45	10.00	Tracy, Calif. ....		5.00	Southern Ohio		
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	120.70		Northern Atlantic			Brookville .....	27.50	
Uniontown, Pa. ....	357.93		Allentown, Pa. ....	18.00	2.00	Clayton .....	119.00	34.55
Washington, Pa. ....	18.18		Harrisburg, Pa. ....	73.70		Dayton (Basore Road		
East			Hatboro, Pa. ....	46.70	17.30	Grace) .....	2.50	15.00
Altoona, Pa. (First)	13.00		Lancaster, Pa. ....	48.50		Dayton (First)	414.62	258.52
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	22.35		Palmyra, Pa. ....	130.25	10.00	Dayton (North Riverdale)	142.42	362.35
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	219.55		Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	30.00	30.00	Dayton (Patterson Park)	283.00	10.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)		15.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	142.80	34.50	Englewood .....		50.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (S. Hill)	3.30	100.00	York, Pa. ....	140.00		Trotwood .....	54.93	
Everett, Pa. ....	61.00	2.00	Northern Ohio			Vandalia .....	19.00	10.00
Holidaysburg, Pa. ....		10.00	Akron (First)	33.00	51.07	Miscellaneous		
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	117.75	61.39	Ankenytown .....	17.00		Isolated Brethren .....	57.50	110.50
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	237.75	198.60	Ashland .....	716.50	70.00	Non-Brethren .....	314.00	34.50
Duncansville, Pa. ....	16.00		Canton .....	25.00		Alumni Association .....	102.00	4.50
Indiana			Cleveland .....	4.00		SMM .....		1,586.71
Berne .....	154.00	25.00	Cuyahoga Falls .....	125.00		WMC .....		2,251.93
Clay City .....	11.50		Elyria .....		30.00	Special Gifts—Bequests ..	171.55	
Elkhart .....	49.50	25.50	Findlay .....	12.20		Seminary Senior Class ..	2.89	
Flora .....	54.70	34.50	Fremont (Grace) .....	167.00	20.50	Baccalaureate and Com-		
Fort Wayne (First)		15.00	Galion .....	10.00		mencement Offering ...	448.07	
Goshen .....		20.00	Homerville .....	39.00		Maintenance Gifts .....	933.00	
Kokomo .....	10.00		Mansfield (Grace) .....	1,804.25	10,086.50	Miscellaneous and		
Leesburg .....	32.98	15.53	Mansfield (Woodville) ..	90.00		Anonymous .....	1.00	103.00
Osceola .....	109.00	526.25	Middlebranch .....	121.40	5.00	Totals .....	13,555.54	17,669.36
Peru .....	77.50	10.00	Rittman .....	83.10				
Sidney .....	21.00	103.00	Wooster .....	327.00	127.50			
South Bend .....	29.75	241.01	Northwest			Designated Gifts		
Warsaw .....	83.00		Albany, Oreg. ....	63.00	18.00	Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) .....	100.00	
Wheaton, Ill. ....	48.00		Harrah, Wash. ....			Martinsburg, Pa. ....	14.50	
Winona Lake .....	752.68	44.65	Toppenish, Wash. ....	6.00		Peru, Ind. ....	20.00	
Iowa			Yakima, Wash. ....	55.03		Winona Lake, Ind. ....	785.68	
Cedar Rapids .....	12.00	4.00	Southeast			Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	5.00	
Dallas Center .....		25.00	Buena Vista, Va. ....	133.06		Washington, D. C. (First)	25.00	
Davenport .....	2.15		Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ....	186.00		Taos, N. Mex. ....	6.00	
Leon .....	3.00		Hollins, Va. ....	7.00		Ashland, Ohio .....	63.50	
Waterloo .....	527.85	121.15	Margate, Fla. ....		13.60	Canton, Ohio .....	200.00	
Winona, Minn. ....	12.00		Virginia Beach, Va. ....		100.00	Wooster, Ohio .....	3.00	
Michigan			Southern California-Arizona			District Laymen (Northern Ohio)	12.88	
Altq .....	20.00	70.00	Artesia, Calif. ....	7.50	7.50	Virginia Beach, Va. ....	100.00	
Grand Rapids .....	20.00	20.00	Bellflower, Calif. ....	3.00	15.00	Bellflower, Calif. ....	17.00	
Jackson .....	18.00		Compton, Calif. ....	250.00		Clayton, Ohio .....	100.00	
Lake Odessa .....	48.50		Gardena, Calif. ....	25.00		Non-Brethren .....	293.89	
New Troy .....	74.00		Glendale, Calif. ....		61.28	Alumni Association .....	532.73	
Mid-Atlantic			Inglewood, Calif. ....	25.00		National Fellowship of Brethren		
Alexandria, Va. ....	89.96	16.22	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	116.50		Laymen .....	1,193.79	
Hagerstown, Md. ....	49.47	8.00	Long Beach, Calif. (Altos)	701.50	242.50	College Senior Class .....	225.00	
(Calvary) .....	5.00	5.00	Los Angeles, Calif. ....	21.25		National Conference Offering ..	693.85	
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	5.00		Montclair, Calif. ....	23.00	10.00	Baccalaureate and		
Washington, D. C. (First)	256.50	14.00	Norwalk, Calif. ....	25.00		Commencement Offering .....	70.12	
Winchester, Va. ....	36.00	37.50	Phoenix, Ariz. ....	66.62		Miscellaneous and Anonymous ..	10.00	
Midwest			Seal Beach, Calif. ....	20.50		Total .....	4,471.94	
Denver, Colo. ....	15.50		South Gate, Calif. ....		2.00			

September 21, 1963



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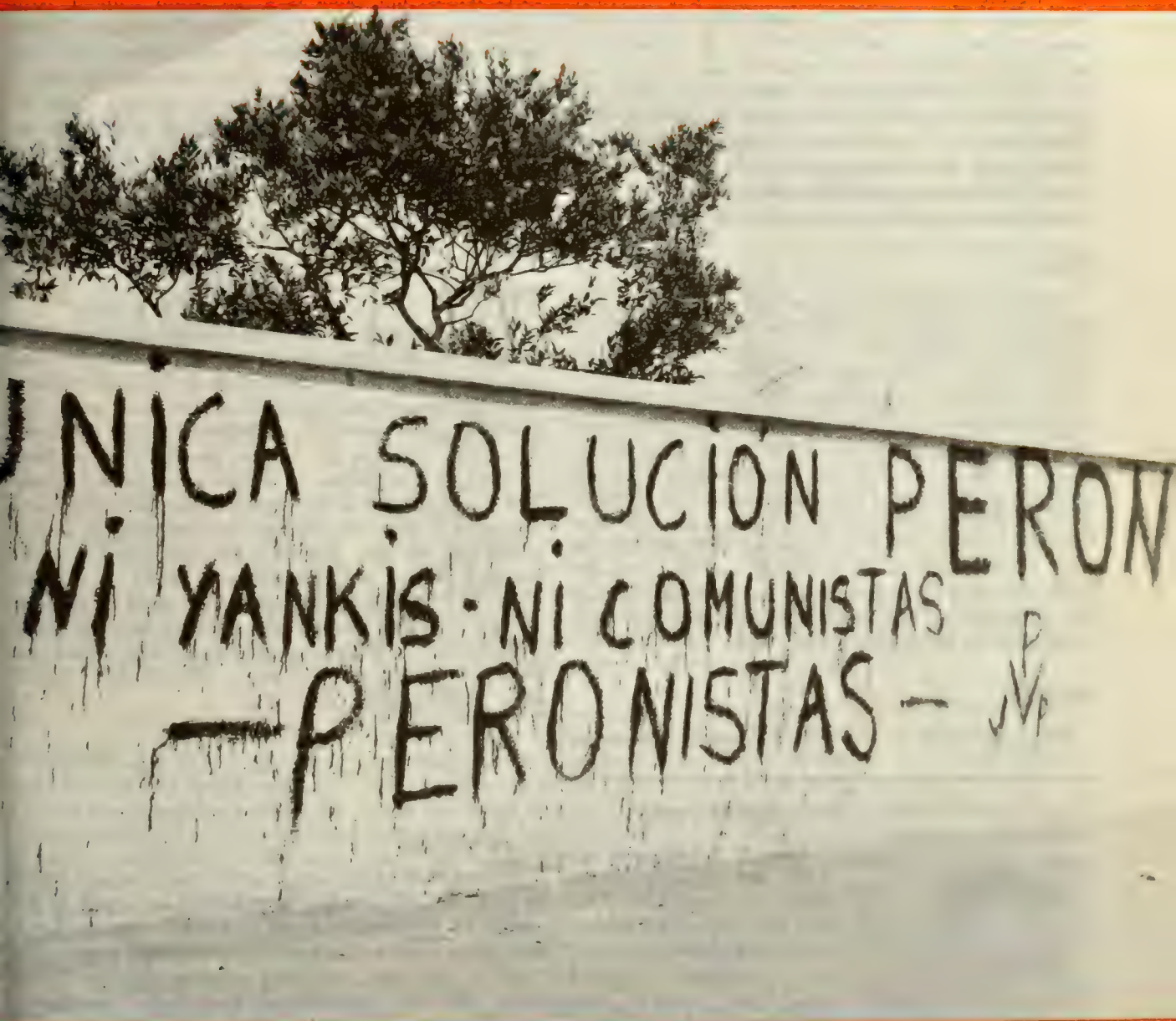
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# HERALD



Foreign Missions and WMC Issue

October 5, 1963

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- ★ *A Missionary Sideline* ★ *People You Love*
- ★ *How God Answered Prayer*



# For Your Consideration

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

## Think Big!

We are sons of God through personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. The resources of heaven and earth are at our disposal. How much will we claim for Jesus Christ and for the evangelization of a lost world? ". . . if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done," said Jesus. Think big, but think big especially in relation to the work of Jesus Christ. Plan big. Yes; plan big in relation to caring for all the needs of our missionaries, in the matters of literature, Bible training, and radio, and in sending out many more witnesses into old and new areas in this lost world.

## Pray Big!

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." ". . . ye have not, because ye ask not." ". . . your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Paul asked great things, and God answered. Mueller asked great things, and God answered. Judson asked great things, and God answered. Gribble asked great things, and God answered. May not Brother John Doe ask great things, today, and have God answer? In Brethren Foreign Missions we need \$450,000 in 1963. We now have \$301,000. In 1964 we will need \$500,000. Do we have faith enough to ask for these amounts or more? Let's pray for a break-through in foreign-mission giving. We probably ask for small things because our faith is so small. O Lord, increase our faith.

## Serve Big!

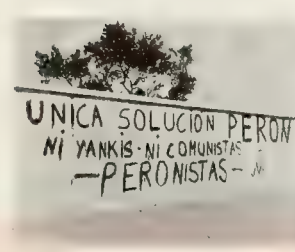
Total dedication is the only dedication that counts

with God. The great Apostle said: ". . . present your bodies a living sacrifice . . ." The challenge of the great missionary is well remembered: "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." We dare not disdain little things, but there is a big world without Jesus Christ. We have a great Gospel to tell the Story of Life, and a great God able to save to the uttermost. But, the story must be told. God has chosen redeemed people to tell it. Communism has won, and is winning today because its disciples are not afraid to give their all to extend its outreach. Should we do less for Jesus Christ? God seeks those who will serve Him in a big, full, dedicated, self-effactive, humble way. In no other way can the battle be carried into the citadel of Satan, and the conquest won for Jesus Christ.

## Give Big!

We are tempted to measure the greatness of God's program by the little that we have. A little lad had only five barley loaves and two small fishes. But when Jesus had blessed and broken these into small parts, five thousand people were fed and a goodly supply remained. It is not a question of the few pennies that we have in hand, or the millions of dollars in stocks and bonds. The question really is the bigness of our dedication. God will need to direct us whether it is one-tenth or several tenths that we give. Bigness is the recognition that one hundred percent is His to claim or direct. If we give what He directs although it may seem small in the eyes of men, God can increase and multiply until all needs are supplied. Be a big channel through which God can pour big blessings into His work. THINK BIG! PRAY BIG! SERVE BIG! GIVE BIG!

## COVER PHOTO



Signs of the times are on walls and buildings everywhere in Argentina. This sign says: "Not the Yankees, not the Communists, only the Peronistas." Deposed and exiled dictator Juan Peron still has his following. Here you see their message to Argentina. (FMS staff photo)

## Home Missions

Although the field is the world, we dare not forget to go to the next towns. "Next towns" are a part of the world. In this season of the year home missions has a very great place in the thinking of Brethren people. We need to look back not many years to the time when there were only approximately seventy-five churches in our National Fellowship; today there are over 180 churches. Most of this growth has resulted from the fine cooperation between local congregations and the Brethren Home Missions Council. Begin now, and con-

# STAND FIRM

By Rev. Tom Julien

of the calamities which would fall both on the world and on His followers. False Christs would deceive; there would be wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. His disciples would be hated, betrayed, and persecuted.

Then Jesus uttered these strange words: "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold . . . and the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations."

Why do we call these words strange? Because they tell us that the end of the age is to be marked *both* by missionary fervor and spiritual coldness.

It is not our purpose to say whether these verses refer to the Jews or the gentiles; to decide whether these events occur before or after the Rapture; to distinguish between the Gospel of the kingdom and the Gospel of God's grace.

It is our purpose to state that in our churches today, this situation is woefully prevalent—the missionary fervor that is present in our churches exists in the midst of a great deal of spiritual coldness.

The Gospel is being preached in all nations. Let us not forget that though populations are exploding and cults are multiplying, there are probably more missionaries serving today than at any other time in the history of the church.

God's servants are penetrating the darkest jungles. They are establishing themselves in the great cities—hitherto often neglected. The Scriptures are being translated into new languages, men and women are turning from darkness to light, and the church is being established and trained.

And standing faithfully behind those who go are the hundreds and thousands of God's chosen servants: those who make missions possible by their love, their prayers, and their gifts.

Is it not tragic, though, that in every church those whose hearts burn with missionary zeal are in the minority? That they find themselves surrounded and outnumbered by a great host of people who call themselves Christians, but whose love has grown cold? That they must constantly struggle against the carnal and selfish opinions of these lukewarm believers in order that the Gospel may continue to be proclaimed to all nations?

Yet, though this situation—missionary fervor enveloped in spiritual coldness—is indeed a sign of the end times, it is not peculiar to the end times; it has nearly always been such in the church. If today there are churches in Africa, India, South America, and the Orient, it is because there has been in days past a minority of the spiritually elite who for their love for Christ have been willing to do what others consider foolish—waste their lives, talents, and money on the heathen, even when the need at home is so great.

Thank God that there are still Christians of such fiber in our churches. Through such as these God is carrying out His great plan. To be sure, they are outnumbered by those who can see no further than themselves, their own churches, their own towns; yet they remain faithful to the Lord's command.

"And so, brother of mine, stand firm! Let nothing move you as you busy yourselves in the Lord's work. Be sure that nothing you do *for Him* is ever lost or ever wasted." ▼

continue on, to make sacrificial gifts for Brethren Home Missions!

## Schooldays

These are happy days to most people. Usually young minds are eager minds. Schools are so valuable and schooldays so worthwhile. But these present days are fearful days. Each year a Christian testimony seems more difficult in our public school system as a whole. Christian teachers will find themselves greatly hindered if the recent rulings of the Supreme Court are put into

full effect in all of our schools. It seems logical to conclude that Christian schools, with a Christian philosophy of life, furnish the only answer for Christian students. The need is in every school-age group, since the attack of Satan is in every school-age group—elementary, secondary, college, and seminary. No one part can successfully get along without the others. The argument favorable to one is favorable to another. The most successful approach we have in foreign lands is through Christian day schools in those lands. We need always to remember that the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." ▼



*Despite the many difficulties, all ended happily when*

# WE WENT TO A WEDDING

*By Mrs. Hill Maconaghy*

Weddings are joyful occasions, and this one was no exception, but never before did we experience such an eventful trip to a wedding.

During our last furlough, two young lady graduates of our Argentine Bible Institute stayed in our home to care for the work in Jose Marmol under the supervision of Brother Solon Hoyt. One of the girls was engaged to be married, but Nelida was not. But during the year a friendship developed between Nelida and Santiago, the treasurer of the congregation. When the girls left Jose Marmol after our return, everyone missed them, for they had worked hard and served the Lord faithfully. But there was a special vacant place in Santiago's life. A few months and several visits to the province of

Cordoba later, the news came out. Nelida and Santiago were engaged to be married.

They asked my husband to perform the wedding ceremony, so that is the reason why we set out the morning of June 20 for Tancacha. The wedding was to take place at 11:30 a.m. on June 22 with a rehearsal the night before.

The Kaiser station wagon had been in the shop the day before for some necessary repairs, so we assumed it was in condition for the trip. Then at the outset we discovered that the gas gauge did not work although it was supposed to have been fixed. But all else went well until we reached Castelar. We were to stop at the Bishops' to pick up a large quantity of Bibles to be taken to the in-

terior, but before we reached their home, something happened. There was a noise like that of a loose chain in the car. What did it mean? The gear shift had broken. We were able to continue to the railroad crossing—the car stopped almost on the tracks—but a helpful push from the car behind got us safely over and to the Bishops' home.

Since it was Flag Day, most shops were closed, and the mechanic whose help was sought said it would be impossible to do the work until the next day; the new part needed could not be secured that day.

Brother Bishop came to the rescue, saying that if we would first take him and some equipment to the Child Evangelism Conference he was to attend that afternoon, we could make the trip in his car and he would use ours after it had been repaired. By the time the trip to the center had been made and the car loaded, it was about three o'clock. Off we started, hoping to cover many leagues before stopping for the night. But such was not to be the case.

We had not left Castelar very far behind when the car seemed to be swaying dangerously. Upon investigation, it was found that a rear tire was flat—completely flat. It was only a matter of minutes to get out the jack, the spare tire, and necessary tools. But—the jack refused to work. Then we were, by the side of the road, in a section sparsely populated.

Walking to the nearest house, Hill found out that there was a tire repair shop at the crossroads further on. He boarded a bus that passed at that moment, and arrived at the shop only to find it closed tight and no other help available. He returned to the car and we began to flag passing motorists. Finally one stopped who had a jack and kindly lent his assistance. But just when the car was raised and the flat tire removed, the jack slipped and the axle sank down in the soft dirt. It was evident that a heavier jack was needed.

Up the road a ways a bus had stopped, so Hill hurried to it to try to borrow a jack. The driver said that he had none but that a short distance away there was a repair shop where it might be possible to borrow one. The shop wasn't visible from



*The Maconaghy's*



the road, but Hill walked back the path indicated by the bus driver, only to be met by two dogs bent on getting their teeth in his leg. Fortunately, their owner came out and called them off. And, he proved to be the mechanic who had a heavy jack which he loaned to us. With the two jacks it didn't take long to put on the spare tire (which didn't look very dependable!) We were so grateful to the men who had stopped to help, and there was an opportunity to give them some gospel literature and a testimony before we parted.

It was dusk then, for the winter days are short, so we headed back to Castelar. We found a tire repair shop open on the outskirts of the town and stopped to have the puncture repaired. Seeing that we were in quite a hurry, an elderly man who was standing there inquired the reason. Hill explained, and mentioned our experiences of the day. The man exclaimed: "Sir, it's fate! Don't continue your trip. God doesn't want you to go." We were inclined to agree with him—at least, that we were not to go by car.

Returning to the home of the Bishops—who were amazed to see us again—we left everything there that was not absolutely necessary and took the suburban train into the bus station. If we could get passage out that night, we could still reach our destination in time for the rehearsal. Fortunately, it was winter; if it had been vacation time there would not have been a possibility of getting tickets for that same night. What a relief it was when the ticket agent said, Yes, there were seats on the 9:45 p.m. bus.

After all the difficulties of the day and the uncertainty of being able to fulfill our word to Nelida and Santiago, we arrived at Tancacha at four o'clock the following afternoon, and found that they and several members of the bride's family had had their troubles, too. They had been very sick with the gripe, and in fact were not entirely recovered. But the wedding took place and was indeed a joyful occasion. Now the happy couple are back in Jose Marmol, and we wish many years of happiness for them, should the Lord tarry as they serve Him together. ▼



The Schwartz family—Martha and Ralph, Curtis and Sharon (Cox Studio photo)

## New Missionaries for Brazil

The doors of the great land of Brazil remain open to the Gospel, and another young couple has answered the Lord's call for service there. If Brethren people rally around these folks, as well as they have the other new missionaries going out recently, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schwartz will be taking their places in Brazil at the set time, the late spring of 1964.

Ralph Schwartz is a native of Pennsylvania and his wife, Martha, comes from California. Both are members of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. Their children are Sharon, three, and Curtis, not yet a year old.

The Schwartzes have excellent educational preparation. Both are graduates of Bob Jones University. Ralph also has a master's degree from Bob Jones, took the one-year course at the Biola school of Missionary Medicine, and received his B.D. from Grace Theological Seminary in 1963. Martha has had experience in teaching and general office work.

Both of these fine young people came to know the Lord as their Saviour in early childhood. They have been active in many different phases of Christian service. Their desire to go out in foreign missions stems from

their wanting to obey the Lord's Great Commission, and more particularly, the way He has placed His special call before them.

At present the Schwartz family is living in Long Beach and already engaged in a study of the Portuguese language. This past summer they had a deputation ministry in the Pennsylvania area, and now will be doing the same on the West Coast. The challenge before them is to gather funds in the amount necessary before they can go to the field. According to the requirements set up by the Board of Trustees, this family will need \$8,000.

Here again the Missionary Outfit Clubs of the churches will render invaluable assistance. Supplies, including prayer cards, are being sent to all churches. Where there is a Missionary Outfit Club chairman, this person will spearhead the appeal in the local church. The goal: Every member of every Brethren church giving at least \$1 or more for these new missionaries.

Pray that all the needs may be supplied for the Schwartzes; also, that many Brazilians may find Christ as Saviour through their endeavors on His behalf. ▼





Sunday-school group and the completed Cotijuba church, Pastor Arthur at left (photos by Burk)

## The Arrival of the Gospel on Cotijuba Island

(FMS editor's note: Missionary Bill Burk, who submitted this article, described it as "A backward glance by Arthur Bluhm, pastor of the Cotijuba Island Brethren Church." It was written this past spring, before the Burks left for furlough from their home on this same Amazon island.)

Over a period of years a certain Cotijuba family had been inviting the missionary of the Icoaraci Brethren Church to visit their island, maintaining that the Gospel of salvation would be well received by the thousand or so folks of the isle. Finally one summer morning while the farmers hoed the ground and the fishermen fished for various fish, there appeared flying over the water's surface off Cotijuba's salty coast the missionary boat by name *Vamos*. As the boat neared the little bay called "Deep Beach," it was evident that its two occupants were unaware of the dangerous and sharp rocks which encircle our island. A fisherman was fishing nearby, but was sufficiently confused with the sudden arrival of the little craft that he did not think to warn about the rocks. Thanks to God, the tide was apparently high enough to cover the reefs as the boat approached, and when the boat was beached, it was a little five-year-old boy (now with the Lord) who met them and took them to the home of the above-mentioned family.

The first meeting some weeks later was held outside this family's home beneath the shade of an enormous *bacuri* tree. A good number of visitors attended the first reunion there

on the bank of Deep Beach. At the end of that first gathering another fisherman requested that the meeting the next fortnight be held at his home. Some folks at the second meeting walked an hour to attend, and left afterwards with hearts full of happiness because of the Word of Truth. But not everyone was so impressed. The word went around that the missionary was the Antichrist, or that he was planning to exploit the people in some way. Many of Cotijuba's people were truly alienated from God because of ignorance and blindness (Eph. 4:18).

Living near this beach was a farmer-fisherman who worked hard to provide the daily bread necessary for his three sons. He lived in a simple thatched house, small and inferior. One day during the hottest month of the year, someone came to the field and told him that everything he owned was then but charcoal. I was that farmer-fisherman. Returning home that day, I found only a heap of ashes and my family seated on the grass, crying. Resisting an initial inclination to violence, I managed to remain calm and began to realize that God was with me as never before in my life. I asked Him for courage to build another house. On the day after the fire I entered the jungle, along with a few of my friends, to begin cutting materials for the new construction. The next day when I went into the jungle, there was not

a soul to help me other than my wife and sons, not a single relative or friend!

Eventually having carried the materials to the building site, we planted the various posts and were working together thatching the roof one morning when we had the honor of a visit from the missionary. He lamented the loss, but instead of feeling liquidated I now felt that I was just beginning to live. We visited a few minutes and he led in prayer. Then I asked him if we couldn't have all the future meetings in my new house. On this day, for happiness, I didn't even feel hungry and the construction progressed as if many were working.

The house was eventually ready but for some reason the missionary delayed months in returning. I felt all alone and longed daily for his return. Nothing had really changed in my life; I continued to be a slave of Satan. I wanted to be delivered from the vice of drink which at times lacked but little to exterminate my life.

I had been born in the capital of another Brazilian state in a home very different from many—comfort, education, culture. In Belem I completed the primary course in one of the better schools and became a boy scout. At the age of 16 I joined the army and learned both the good and the bad. I learned to put my first bullet into a rifle and then took



my first shot. I also learned to lift the first drink to my lips and to take my first step at a dance. I was merely a typical natural man. Discharged from the army, I looked for some remote place to live and happened upon the island of Cotijuba, where I worked in the gardens of the Japanese farmers. Eventually I arranged a daughter of the island as my wife, who along with our sons did everything possible to free me from the diabolic drink. I, however, felt myself condemned forever.

Finally the missionary returned to our island for a visit bringing words of consolation. He found our house all new, but on the inside it was still the same old life. We immediately marked a meeting for the following Sunday, after which my wife made her decision for Christ. As for me, I merely listened to the message on the Prodigal Son. I felt the key in my prison cell, but it seemed that there was no doorkeeper to turn it. I was afraid to make my decision because I feared that my vices and violent spirit would come to mock me before my friends. But I did feel a bit of encouragement in the words of the final hymn, "Power in the Blood."

A couple of months later Christ delivered me from that fearful darkness. Now I had life and light, and I was marching along a road that had no end, the "Way of Salvation." All my vices disappeared, and sufficiently so that my friends didn't even have the courage to offer me a drink after they learned of my salvation. All the dominoes of Satan were struck down at once; now I have a new life which is Christ in me and through me transmitting His Word to others who have enslaved hearts.

Let's leave here my salvation and describe the growth of The Brethren Church on Cotijuba Island. When the missionary built his home on the island, we were but four believers. To us, the day the missionary moved his family to their new island home was a day when the sun smiled, the moon sang a psalm, and the trees their lyrics. But we realized that many hearts were still like granite.

We began to work together, beginning a weekly meeting in another

neighborhood where we eventually saw one more family converted; then, two more kilometers down the dirt road we saw another family won for Christ as the result of meetings in their home. And the obvious results of our accepting an invitation to hold meetings in still another neighborhood of the island was one more family for our Lord. This progress was obviously the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the people. Thus described is the building of the body of Christ; now let us consider the construction of the local church house.



Cotijuba's Pastor Arthur Bluhm

We were by then a goodly number of the faithful, and the various homes where we held meetings were crowded, frequently with many standing outside the windows and doors. Eventually the brethren projected the construction of a house of prayer. The government director of the island (strictly a politician) offered to help us in this construction, but we refused his help, preferring to fight alone. Like Zerubbabel told his adversaries in Ezra (4:1-3): "Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God." We finally decided on a plan; then it was axes, machetes, shoulders, canoes, money, good will, and the direction of God.

On the first workday we walked two hours along the coast to the distant beach called "Go Who Wishes" (it's too far away for anyone else to go there!). We were eight men, and

two cooks who made their kitchen on the beach. Waiting for the coffee to boil, we prayed for divine direction; then entered the jungle. In that one day we cut all the timbers that would be needed for the framework of the church building. A week later we returned to spend the day carrying all these materials to the shore, and on the third week we spent our Friday-workday hauling everything in our canoes to the beach where the missionary lives. Even the *Vamos* hauled her share of the shorter pieces. As we arrived at the point of unloading, it was necessary for each one of us to become two people for a few moments because one of the boats suddenly was overcome by the violent cross current and sank right there on Homesick Beach.

In the end everything went well, and when we finally carried all those heavy materials to the center of the island and the building site, most of the work was already done. We planted the various posts, nailed up the rafters, and soon had one side of the roof covered with locally-hewn shingles. And what a blessing we received for this service! Never in my life had I thought that I would enjoy so much working for the Lord of lords.

In spite of the fact that we had as yet no walls or floor and only half a roof, when Palm Sunday arrived (1962) we were ready to hold our first meeting in the new church. Each believer brought to the meeting a branch from a jungle tree to be placed on the ground before the little building, and then listened to the Bible message explaining how this had been done on that first Palm Sunday. There was also special music. No one complained about the heat of the sun on the side of the church which was still uncovered.

Today everything is finished on this humble house of prayer; white-washed walls of boards halfway up the sides, a rough wooden floor, and simple shingles overhead. But, within our hearts is heard the voice of the Lord, and nearly all the backless benches are full at the meetings. The four believers have grown to thirty-five persons saved by Christ, and the Holy Spirit of God continues to bless His little church. ▼





**Beverly and Martin Garber—missionaries at Bossangoa**

**Organizing the biggest  
Sunday school in the brotherhood  
could be a full-time job**

—or—

## **A MISSIONARY SIDELINE**

**By Dr. Floyd W. Taber**

The last time I stopped at Bossangoa, the mission station looked like a used car lot. Martin Garber was head over heels in the job of overhauling our fleet of ten-year-old trucks, getting them ready for resale.

He remarked: "This job will soon be done, and I will have time to do a little 'missionary work.'"

On arriving at Bossangoa today I found him buried just as deep in mechanical work as ever.

You see, when you have not only the job of getting one fleet of autos ready for sale, but also the job of keeping another fleet rolling in the King's business, you plan one job and two more pop up unexpectedly.

In every branch of missionary work, it is always the pursuit of the ever-fleeting mirage—to get routine jobs out of the way and find some time to do "missionary work."

In the meantime, Martin Garber is re-organizing the Bossangoa Sunday school. Yesterday (a Sunday in August) they had 1,700 in attendance, divided into thirty classes.

But that is not Martin's only sideline. Training the choir, organizing a youth group for high-school students, planning the youth program, conducting leadership training camps, building a bookstore—

These are a few of the sidelines of a full-time auto mechanic who dreams of the heaven where the wheels of the cherubim will not need greasing.

"Full time?" Often his auto work runs late into the evening to finish a job so a missionary who has a full schedule the next day can go home.

But in between times—while I am writing this article—his typewriter is cutting stencils, to put a textbook into the hands of African teachers. And he interrupted himself to show me a dispensational chart in Sango he is preparing.

Brother, would you like to be a jack-of-all-trades—in the hands of the Master? Then come and join Martin Garber—not to relieve him of his duties so he can find time to do "missionary work"—but to join him in the pursuit of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. You may never reach the pot of gold, but what pot of gold could equal the glory of the rainbow?

P.S.—Martin noted an understatement. One of the trucks he is getting ready to sell is sixteen years old. ▼

## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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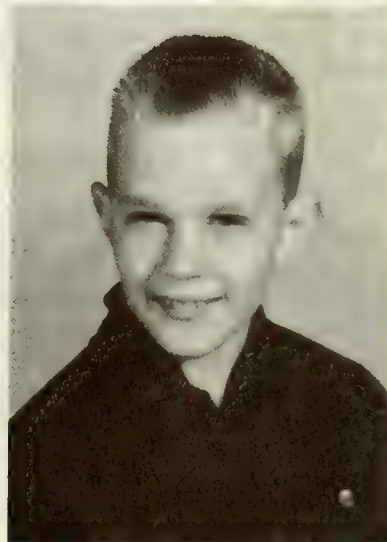
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### KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES

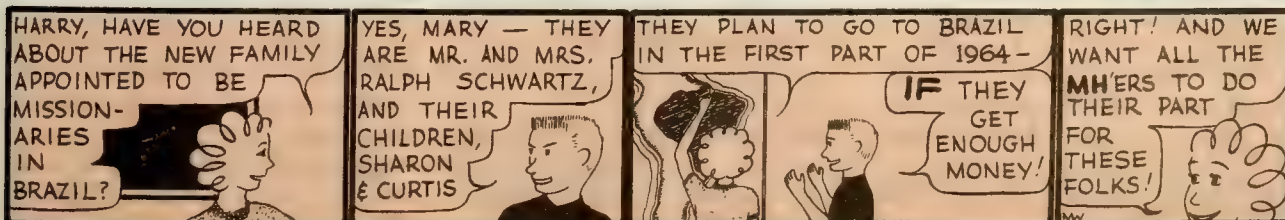
Miss Lois Ringler just recently returned to the United States from Africa where she finished her first term of service as a missionary. Miss Ringler is a teacher at the Bible Center station. She teaches in the trade language, Sango, and also in French. Miss Ringler will be visiting many of our churches during this next year, so maybe some of you MH'ers will get to meet her!

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Heights  
Brethren)



### MARY MISSIONARY—

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## Raptured Delight

By Mrs. Helen M. Dunkelberger

Winona Lake, Indiana



Mrs. Dunkelberger and girls

"And dolly will need a pretty pink bonnet on, too, h-m?" Mommie inquired as she tied the doll's hand-knit sweater, remembering when her own little two-year-old "doll-baby" wore it—not so very long ago. Joy nodded and added enthusiastically: "And I will comb her hair—she's goin' go to heaven!"

"Oh! she is?" What a nice place to go, mused Mommie.

Soon Starlight was all dressed up—ruffles, bows, outgrown baby clothes, and even lacy shoes—all ready for heaven. However, their walk only went as far as the lake where they listened to the gentle "plup" of a small pebble as it took a cool dip in the contented blue-green waters. Two ducks came visiting looking for a snack; they wished they had brought along the bag of stale bread scraps.

Suddenly Joy remarked: "Jesus is not goin' to kill us."

"No, of course not—He *loves* us. Jesus is going to come and take all of us who love Him up to heaven," Mommie encouraged.

"Is He goin' to come down in the rain?" Joy asked.

"No, dearie." (Joy remembered He went up to heaven in a cloud.)

"Will He fly down?" Joy persisted; and Mommie searched her ol' brain for a correct, feasible explanation of the Rapture.

"No, He won't exactly fly. He'll just come right down!"

"Will He walk down?" Joy demanded tirelessly.

"No—He'll just—well—just sort of float down—right down from heaven!" stammered Mommie, not convinced the answer was adequate.

All smiles, Joy responded exuberantly: "I will say, 'I'm glad to see You, Jesus!—I'm glad you are here!—Hello, Jesus!'" And she continued on into a whisper, discussing with her dolly the happiness of that future grand meeting. They bade the ducks "G-by" and returned home, stopping long enough to find two lambs, a fast-hopping rabbit, and a polar bear in the pure white cotton-like clouds overhead.

Mommie started sorting clothes, as well as thoughts, wondering just what she herself will say to the Lord Jesus, or will she be speechless when she first sees heaven and her lovely Saviour?

Then Joy piped up with: "I won't see Jesus come."

"Oh! yes. The Bible says, 'Every eye will see Him,' and there's going to be a *big* trumpet blow." Mommie demonstrated the trumpet with her hands, adding with a smile: "Maybe the angels will blow it!"

Joy announced: "I want to go to heaven all by myself!"

"Oh! Jesus is going to come and get Daddy and Mommie and all those who love Him—we'll all go up *together*—way above the clouds."

"We'll hold on to God's sky so we won't fall!" Joy suggested.

"Oh! we'll hold on to God's hands, honey," (on second thought:) "*He'll* hold onto *our* hands!" And how strong are His hands—so very loving, so big, so *very* strong, and His arms are so able and willing to carry even the most helpless one—*especially* the helpless one—dressed in the clothes of righteousness which He alone can give—carry that one, forgiven, cleansed, up, up, up, above "God's sky" to everlasting happy times with Him.


Later Joy heard the music of someone practicing nearby and exclaimed: "Mommie! I hear a trumpet! It's the Lord Jesus!"

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Lord, give me a childlike, gay expectancy of Thy imminent return that surely must be precious to Thy heart. And help me to live this day realizing it could be the last—soon many of us may have to die for Thee; we may see our dear children, our loved ones, swept away into the vicious grip of godlessness and untruth. Please, please give wisdom as our little ones learn of Thyself; only such a few, a very, *very* few years we have to teach them the Bible, to show them the difference between religion and Christianity, and to discuss the joys of heaven in "raptured delight!" ▼



HOW GOD  
ANSWERED  
PRAYER



By Mrs. Evan Adams  
San Gabriel, California

As I began to think about some specific instances in which God had answered prayer, I found myself sorting through many experiences of recent years. Not only in the daily details of living, but also in the crisis periods God has been faithful and gracious. For all these I praise Him.

But one definite period does stand out clearly in my mind as I write this. Two years ago, when we knew that our ministry among the Navajo people was completed, we asked God to lead us into the avenue of service that He was opening for us. As you can imagine, our love for the Navajo people and their children had a heavy claim on our minds. Did He have another work that would occupy our hearts and minds in the same way? In John 14:14 these words are found: "If ye ask . . . I will do . . ."

He answered by thrusting us into a very different situation of life—into the fast moving pace of southern California—into the student world of the college and university.

For the family He chose an older home on a large lot in a quiet neighborhood. He helped with the financing. He had already built a Christian day school nearby for the children. Then He began to help five desert-

roaming children adjust to the confines of a city lot.

For people He gave us neighbors. They are the kind that enjoy the lemons off our tree, and others that share their avacados off of theirs. With several of these we have had the privilege of sharing the things the Lord has done for us through the years.

For the extra hours of the day he has given us the opportunity to minister to many of the college students. Some are familiar with the home area, but are unable to find a meaning for Life. Others ask if Jesus Christ really fills the void. Others from the Christian homes are asking for help in applying their faith to the realistic circumstances

of the classroom and the laboratory.

But many students are coming into southern California who are strangers to the area, as well as to the meaning of life we find in Jesus Christ. So our home has become a stopping place for these friends from Africa, India, Cambodia, Iran, Japan, France. The Lord has kept the shelves stocked with food with a familiar flavor to them, and kept them long enough to spend time in searching the Scriptures for Jesus Christ.

So we have learned that He is already doing, and all we have to do is ask. What a promise. It shows me how much more wonderful than my doing is His doing, called forth by our asking in prayer. "If ye ask . . . I will do . . ." ▼

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

AFRICA—

Miss Mary Cripe	December 5
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Thomas George Hocking	December 15, 1959
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. Donald F. Miller	December 27
Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Miss Mary Ann Habegger	December 29
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	

ARGENTINA—

Norman Edward Schrock	December 2, 1946
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Rebecca Ann Schrock	December 2, 1946
Calle 10, No. 90, Barrio Parque Velez Sarsfield, Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Robert James Cover, Jr.	December 9, 1959
Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Argentina, S. A.	
Rev. E. N. Fay	December 15
Juan Diaz de Solis 470, Alta Cordoba, Ciudad de Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
David Merritt Marshall	December 17, 1954
Circunscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.	
Margaret Loree Churchill	December 20, 1952
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	
Mrs. Clark W. Miller	December 25
San Martin 254, Huinca Renanco, F.C.N.G.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	

FRANCE—

Rev. P. Frederick Fogle	December 27
5, square de la Source, Franconville (S. & O.) France	

HAWAII—

Mrs. Foster R. Tresise	December 14
95-303 Waioni Street, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii	

MEXICO—

Rev. Walter E. Haag	December 4
439 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	
Rev. Sibley M. Edmiston	December 17
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	

PUERTO RICO—

Rev. G. James Dickson	December 6
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico	

IN THE UNITED STATES—

Miss Johanna Nielsen	December 3
1819 Pine Avenue, Long Beach 6, California	
Miss Mary Emmert	December 4
Dallas Center, Iowa	
Daniel Paul Beaver	December 23, 1954
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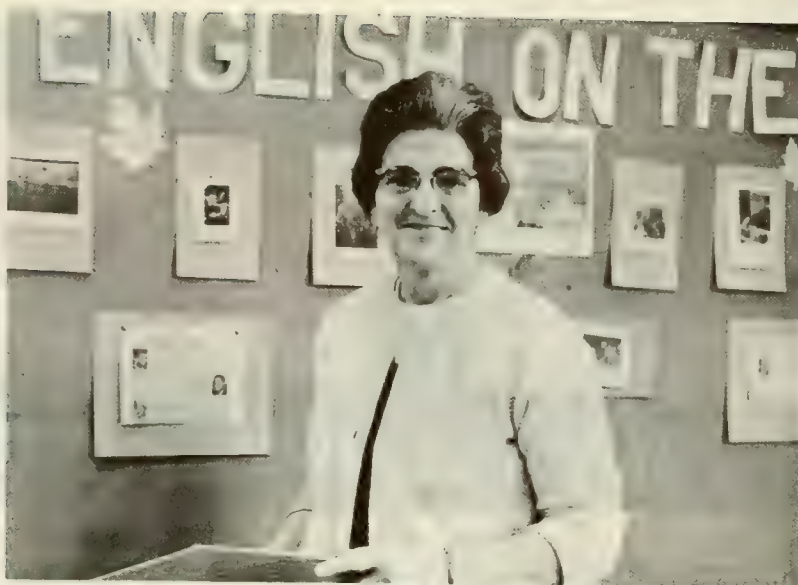
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Mrs. Robert Griffith

## Tribute

It is with deep regret that the National WMC Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. Robert Griffith. Joyce has done a tremendous job during the past year and has done it well and with joy. This work has taken long hours of her time, and she feels that while her children are still small, she must devote a reasonable amount of her time to their care and training. Her interest and prayers are still with the National WMC work, and it is hoped that in the future she will again be available for service in this capacity.



Mrs. William Schaffer

## Introduction

It is with great joy that we introduce Mrs. William Schaffer as the second vice president of the National WMC. Maurine comes to us well prepared and is trusting in the Lord for guidance and strength. She is a pastor's wife from Kittanning, Pennsylvania and the mother of three grown children: H. Paul Schaffer, Auburn, Washington; Mrs. Alice Quigley, Spokane, Washington; and William Schaffer, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Her training included work at Ashland (Ohio) College and one year of teaching before her marriage. Since her family is grown she is teaching English at Kittanning junior high. Mrs. Schaffer has been on the National Board previously as a district president.

# RECOMMENDED WMC READING

## 1963-1964

*Mission to the Head-hunters.* (Drown, Frank and Marie, \$3.95, Harper, 1961).

Thrilling experiences among the Ecuador Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Drown were close friends and co-workers of the Auca martyrs. The book makes only passing mention of the martyrdom, but is mainly a picture of actual mission station life.

*Words Wanted.* (Pike, Eunice V., \$2.75), Moody Press).

The fascinating story of Wycliffe translators in Mexico as they reduce unwritten languages to writing and translate the Scriptures.

*Tried in the Fire.* (Anderson, Isabel, \$2.95, Moody Press).

This story is a true picture of conditions in Colombia where the people are dominated

by a corrupt Catholic priesthood. It depicts the transforming power of Christ amid the persecutions to which Christians are subjected.

*Health Shall Spring Forth.* (Adoph, Paul E., 59 cents, Moody Press, 1956).

An excellent volume for Christians on the subject of release from tensions. In the tension-filled age in which we live such a volume, written by a devout Christian doctor, a former missionary to China, and endorsed by such men as Dr. DeHaan and Dr. Bob Cook, can be a great blessing. Originally in a hard back volume it is now available in paperback at 59 cents. Individual members may want personal copies.

Books may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Indiana.





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# Serving My Master

For we are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus unto  
good works, which God hath  
before ordained that we  
should walk in them. Ephe-  
sians 2:10.

## SERVING MY MASTER . . . BY MY DAILY LIVING

BY MISS MARIE MISHLER

"For the Lord thy God is with thee  
whithersoever thou goest" (Josh. 1:9).

The sign in front of the plane  
flashed on telling us to fasten our  
seatbelts, the motors were revved up,  
the plane roared down the runway,  
and we were in the air. I remembered  
when I was in a small plane over  
Akron for a few minutes. I was more  
than ready for the plane to land.  
Now here I was in a much larger  
plane and would be in it for more  
than a few minutes. I wasn't sure  
whether I would enjoy this plane or  
not, but I did know that I was happy  
to be on my way to Africa where the  
Lord had called me.

I looked past the one occupying  
the window seat for a last look at  
Paris. I had been there ten months  
living with a French family and  
studying French. How strange every-  
thing seemed at first! But gradually  
the language became more familiar,  
also the city, especially the route I  
took each day to school through  
the Luxemburg Gardens. So it was  
with a bit of sadness that I said  
goodbye to my new friends and  
Paris.

We flew all night over France, the  
Mediterranean, the Sahara, landing  
the next morning in Kano, Nigeria.  
I had a six-hour wait for the Bangui  
plane which was small, only twelve  
passengers. We landed late afternoon  
at Fort Lamy where we were taken  
to the hotel for the night.

I was shown to my room which  
contained two cots with mosquito  
nets, a couple of chairs and one  
feeble light bulb. I had just finished  
inspecting the room when in walked  
an African woman. She was to be

my roommate! The Lord had called  
me to Africa to work among the girls,  
but I wasn't sure that I wanted one  
for a roommate my first night in  
Africa. However I didn't see too  
much of her as she had friends she  
went to visit.

I went to eat. The tables were out-  
side. I didn't enjoy the meal, for I  
was too busy trying to keep the bugs  
out of my soup (there were swarms  
around each light) and watching a  
strange animal wandering among  
the tables eating bugs. Later I was  
told it was an anteater.

After eating I went back to my  
room, and then discovered there was  
no lock on the door. What should I  
do? It was so black outside and I  
heard the African drums for the first  
time. In my imagination all sorts of  
things could (and probably would)  
happen. I quickly got ready for bed,  
crawled under the mosquito net, held  
my purse tightly and tried to sleep.  
I was frightened. I thought, maybe  
the Lord hadn't called me to this  
dark land after all. Maybe I should  
return to Akron.

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## Sisterhood

Now our beloved Sisterhood  
Has reached her golden age,  
And in her annals fair and good  
Upon a golden page  
We find engraved the names of those  
Who led in early days,  
Who guided as the numbers rose,  
Who newly earn our praise.

We who have labored from the first  
Now welcome tenderly  
Those younger ones who share our thirst  
For teaching eagerly  
Our girls to love their blessed Lord,  
To do His will each day,  
To long to bear His precious Word  
To sad ones far away.

The work of fifty years is done,  
But we have much to do.  
Great victories are to be won,  
And so I challenge you,  
Dear girls of every Sisterhood,  
And leaders one and all,  
Strive nobly for our Lord so good,  
And follow at His call.

—Mrs. Lucile Smith





The SMM pilgrimage as it began



Left to right: Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mrs. Leo Polman, Mrs. Leslie Moore, Mrs. T. R. Henning, Mrs. Noel Hoke, Miss Joyce Ashman, Miss DeAnna Caldwell, Mrs. Lester Pifer, and Dr. Russell Barnard. The pilgrimage during the SMM conference celebrating the 50th anniversary terminated at the old missionary residence, which was officially named "Bethany House."

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Marie Mishler, your missionary in Africa. May she know the power of God in her work.
2. Ask God to teach you daily to know and recognize His presence at all times, and then have great joy in this reality.
3. Praise the Lord for His selection of national officers, and for the way He accomplished His purposes in national board meetings.

# Reporting!

STERLING, OHIO—The Little Sisters have all met their goals. When the Sterling church was host for the district SMM rally, they were the ushers.

RITTMAN, OHIO—The SMM girls celebrated our fiftieth anniversary with a special program. They presented a skit depicting the beginning of SMM and its progression. An offering was received totaling \$50 which was given toward the district project.

## SERVING . . .

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But the Lord hadn't forgotten this trembling, doubting missionary on her first night in Africa. He had some Christians sing two hymns in a meeting nearby. I couldn't understand the words, but I knew the music—so different from the drums I had been hearing. They were "Stand up for Jesus" and "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." My fears disappeared at once, for I knew the Lord was in Africa also. I went to sleep and slept soundly.

My courage had fled away, I was afraid, doubts had arisen. These needed to be removed if I was to serve Him in Africa. Through two familiar hymns and the verse at the top of this article, a favorite of mine, the Lord revealed to me that He is always near. He goes with His own whithersoever they go (even with a fearful missionary on her first night in the heart of Africa) to give strength and courage for His work.

My prayer is that you may know His presence each day and that wherever you go, He is with you. ▼

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## Suggested Program for November

### Bible Study:

"The SMM girl . . . is a 'good soldier' like DEBORAH"

Junior—Mrs. Lester Smitley

Middler—Mrs. S. C. Grubb

Senior—Mrs. John Neely

### Mission Study:

"Serving My Master . . . by Daily Living"

Miss Marie Mishler

### Memory Verses:


Ps. 27:14

II Tim. 2:3

Eph. 6:10-11



# CHURCH NEWS

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**GARWIN, IOWA.** Milton Ryer-son accepted the call to become pas-tor of the Carlton Brethren Church. The pastor and his family were wel-comed with a food shower on Sept. 4. A complete remodeling of the kitchen and a new front porch was added to the parsonage before the pastor moved in.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The at-tendances at the Winona Lake Brethren Church on Sept. 8 were 327 in Sunday school, 369 in morning wor-ship, 334 in the evening worship, and 307 in the regular mid-week prayer meeting. The goal of the church is to maintain over 300 in the weekly prayer services. Charles Ashman, pas-tor.

**FLORA, IND.** Pastor Lee Dice reports that there were victories at the Grace Brethren Church during the Sept. 8-15 revival meetings with Evangelist Galen Lingenfelter. A prayer-reading campaign two weeks prior to the services resulted in a re-vival of personal prayer among many in the congregation.

**KOKOMO, IND.** Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, representing the Brethren Financial Planning Service, held a stewardship conference at the Grace Brethren Church, Robert Burns, pastor, during Sept. 8-11. The total attendance for the four days was 361. Eleven persons made public re-dedications of life. The Polmans were in charge of the devotional time on

Sept. 10-11 for the 97 students at-tending the Grace Brethren kinder-garten.

**RITTMAN, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church has purchased a new parsonage. Pastor Charles Tur-ner reports that occupation date has been tentatively set for this first week of October.

**WARSAW, IND.** Richard Sellers announced his resignation to the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 15. Mr. Sellers has accepted the call of the Indiana Dis-trict Mission Board to minister to the Mt. Prospect (Chicago, Ill.) Bible Class.

**BERNE, IND.** The Bethel Brethren Church held annual homecoming day on Sept. 22. Joe Dombek, Brethren chalk artist from Winona Lake, Ind., was featured in the afternoon and evening services. A new Chris-tian film, "The Gospel Blimp," was also shown in the evening service.

**POMPANO BEACH, FLA.** The new Grace Brethren Church pastored by Dr. William Taylor announces the beginning of a daily radio ministry on Sept. 9. The first check for \$100 for this work was sent in from friends in Binghamton, N. Y. The Sunday school broke attendance records with 40 in attendance on Sept. 8, and there were 38 in prayer meeting Sept. 4.

**WHITTIER, CALIF.** Brethren Elementary School, sponsored by the Community Brethren Church, Ward Miller, pastor, has a fall enrollment of 285 pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** The Sunday school attendance at North Long Beach Brethren Church was 1470 on Sept. 8. The annual gen-eral fund budget of the church is set

at \$99,034. Annual building fund budget is \$34,400, and the annual missions goal is \$35,000. This makes the total annual budget of this Brethren Church in excess of \$160,000. George Peek is pastor.

**ROANOKE, VA.** Raymond H. Kettell, who served the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa, for eight years, is now the pastor of the Clearbrook Brethren Church. At the reception for the Kettells, the Clearbrook congregation gave a very gen-erous shower of gifts for the home.

**TUCSON, ARIZ.** J. C. McKil-len, pastor of the Silverbell Com-munity Grace Brethren Church, re-ports that this year's VBS was the best in the nearly 20 years he has been directing summer Bible schools. There were 112 students and 17 staff members active in the school.

**KITTANNING, PA.** The North Buffalo Brethren congregation hon-ored Pastor and Mrs. Fred Wm. Wal-ter on their silver wedding anniver-sary Aug. 30. Sixty-six church mem-bers and friends shared in the festi-vities.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Howard Mayes, 11612 E. 168 St., Artesia, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Kettell, 2401 Colonial Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va. (Tel. 343-4287). Rev. and Mrs. Milton Ryer-son, R.R. 1, Garwin, Iowa.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, Wesley Hal-ler, pastor, set new record attend-ances in prayer meeting of 110 on Sept. 11, and in Sunday school of 299 on Sept. 15.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 Brethren Annual are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Homer Lingenfelter, Everett, Pa.  
Charles Martin, Johnson City, Tenn.  
Lyle Marvin, San Jose, Calif.  
Randall Maycumber, Brazil  
Charles Mayes, Long Beach, Calif.  
Howard Mayes, Norwalk, Calif.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Hopewell, Pa. . . . .	Oct. 6-13 . . . . .	Sheldon Snyder	Randall Poyner
Winona Lake, Ind. . . . .	Oct. 7-13 . . . . .	C. Ashman, Jr.	Jack Murray
Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	Oct. 20-27 . . . . .	Robert Griffith	A. R. Kriegbaum
Palmyra, Pa. . . . .	Oct. 27-Nov. 3 . . . . .	Edward Lewis	John Neely





People

You Love

By Knute Larson



**T**hink of all the people in your school, or at your work, who are just plain impossible to get along with. You know Gretchen Stut, the senior class know-it-all who gets all "A's" in tests, but flunks friendship. Charlie Guessin, the shop nose-it-all who cares about everybody's business and talks dirt at every chance.

Add to them those relatives of yours who are perfectly obnoxious. That's not hard—Uncle Ken, everybody's ungrateful guest and unwelcome stayer. Cousin Julia, the self-appointed Christian critic who audibly judges what you do on Sunday and what you say on Monday.

Group them with the people in your church who are hypocrites for sure. You spotted them right off—Brother Black, the one who lives even worse than he ushers. Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth and Music Jenkins, who may mean well but just doesn't know how to say things the right way.

What is the total?

People you should love.

Impossible, someone says. That's true, you reply. For many things are impossible for a person as a person.

Another addition problem—*Think of the kind of love that Christ showed to all people—rich or poor, clean or dirty, you name them. Add that to your life.*

What do you get? A person who radiates a sincere, beautiful type of selfless love to all people—impossible classmates and fellow workers, obnoxious relatives, hypocritical church members included.

The impossible vanishes when Christ's love comes into your life. Then flowing through you is a compassion for others that has as its genesis the "I-can't-do-it" attitude, the realization of your personal inadequacy and His sufficiency. Human love alone just does not add up to enough.

Take a test. Read two verses from the "love chapter," I Corinthians 13, inserting the first-personal pronoun: I suffer long and am kind; I do not envy; I do not vaunt myself, am not puffed up, do not behave unseemly or seek my own, am not easily provoked; I think no evil.

Enough to show you flunked? Indeed, the requirements of true godly

love are enough to show that any person fails to make the grade. The passing must be found in a passage: "God is love . . . If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us" (I John 4:8, 12). Therefore: God suffers long and is kind; He does not envy.

Christ in you must be the source of your love for the unlovable. And His kind of love is tender, but bold, mighty, and overwhelming.

*Take the time that Jesus met the sinful Samaritan woman at the well.* The fact that she was a woman was enough for Him to disregard her, for strict Jews gave no verbal recognition to women in public. She was also a Samaritan, and thus the member of a race that was half Jewish and half heathen, hated by the Jews. She was sinful having had five husbands. Yet Jesus knew she needed a well of living, satisfying water in her life, and He befriended her and gave her eternity.

*Add to that the time that Jesus met the Rich Young Ruler and "beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest."* Though He knew that this one would reject Him for his riches, He nevertheless loved and advised.

*Plus the purpose of the perfect Son of God as He allowed the torture of the cross because He loved the world. And the words that were His: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

*Group these with the many other evidences of His love:* the filthy Gadarene demoniac whom He loved and healed; Simon the self-righteous Pharisee with whom He dined and discussed forgiveness; the thief on the cross whom He loved for love's sake alone. And many more then and today. Together they total a love that is infinite in its size, unrelenting in its nature, inclusive in its selection.

Amazing and challenging is the fact that such love can be ours. Indeed it must be ours if we are to help the cause of Him who is love in an unloving world.

The need is great. No question about that, for there is not much love lost in many of our churches today. In fact, there is not much love there that ever could get lost.

Oh, people talk about it. Some even preach it from the pulpit or teach it from the lecturn, but then forget the limits of love when they learn of the needs of the transient family down the alley near the church.

Others discuss it in the after-sermon piety circle, or during family devotions. But they forget it on the telephone when it's time to share the latest, but unnecessary derogations, about any or all who have slipped into the juicy area of the gossip-worthy.

Some, I haven't forgotten, write about love in prickly little articles; then leave the typewriter to live like love is a moot subject when it comes to Monday-to-Saturday, down-to-earth living. One can only take so much on the basketball court, for instance.

Margie is wonderful to know unless she's had a bad day—then stay away. Clair is the good-humor man until somebody crosses him—then goodbye smiles, hello wrinkled brow. Leon at least counts to ten when he is about to lose his patience, but it does seem as if he goes by threes at times. Ed is validly pious in sharing with his friends, but all principles go invalid when it comes to a member of the darker race. You—well—you know all about you.

Why is all this? Because we're selfish. Unwilling to be selfless in the matter of love. To allow Christ by faith to do what He wants to do and be what He can be in our lives.

Mahatma Gandhi, the famous Indian religious leader and statesman, once said: "I would have become a Christian, I think, if it had not been for Christians." A piercing indictment of the way that so many of us claim Christ, but fail to claim the Christ life!

It is beyond comprehension. How does Christ give you love by loving through you? How can He supply you with true Christian care for others? How can you love all people with His help?

Sure, the questions read differently. But they answer the same: Through the miracle of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ makes His love

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**"I'm sold on literature!"**

**"Communism has geared its program to the literate population in this area."**

# CLOSING

Despite the increase of Christian efforts throughout the world in the past year; despite the record budgets for missionary outreach and even record responses to the gospel appeal, the gap between the expanding world population and church membership continues to widen.

According to statistics compiled by the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association—in conjunction with the U.N. statistical reports—for every three members that the church adds to its roll annually there is a net gain of twenty unchurched in the world. The world population is gaining at a rate of 57 million annually and the figures seem to jump faster than the record keepers can tally them.

Along with this has come the growing concern in the past year by mission leaders over the drop-off of missionary candidates coupled with increasing pressure around the world to curtail the person-to-person evangelism and even much of traditional missionary outreach.

Consider the rising sweep of Islam, for instance, both in missionary outreach and in their retrenching attempts to forbid Christian penetration into their populations. This tremendous Moslem territory that ex-

tends from Morocco in the Northwest of Africa into the East Indies has approximately 500 million people or one-sixth of the world's population.

New UN concentrations in the area, meanwhile, are designed to cut down the death rates while the birth rate remains the same—all of which indicates that population figures in this area will continue to soar.

Couple this with the increasing pressure of Roman Catholic dominated countries to check evangelical activity; add the new moves in many newly independent countries to check missionary work as another form of "colonial imperialism" (as in the Sudan in Africa today where missionary work is practically at a standstill by government order). And always there is communism continually biting off new chunks of free territory, and making it virtually impossible to continue personal contact with the masses.

These are not simply alarmist figures, or the harangues of a pessimist. These are realistic computations. They do not spell out the finish of Christianity, or the hopelessness of the task of evangelism. But they do indicate emphatically that some means must be found whereby

the message of Christ can be communicated without restraint.

It is this concern that has moved many mission boards to put literature as their number one priority, along with other communications media, in reaching the masses. While mission forces double their efforts as best they can, literature is being thrown into the line to augment these efforts to close the gap.

Take the difficult Moslem world as an example. In Tunisia, where the North African Mission has operated for years, the record showed in 1959 a total of forty souls in fourteen years! This is considered typical response in Moslem territories when face-to-face contact of Christians with Moslems is practically out of the question.

In 1958, however, Mr. Harold Street, executive secretary of Evangelical Literature Overseas, visited Tunisia and suggested that the NAM try correspondence courses to reach the Moslems. In 1959, a course on the Gospel of John was adapted, and in 1961 they began mailing them out. By 1963, twenty-one months later, they had mailed out 17,784 courses; at the end of these twenty-one months, 1027 had completed the course of twenty-four lessons and

"We opened a bookstore

"Literature . . . one of the means today given of God to close the gap between the church and millions outside."

# THE GAP

675 had made decisions for Christ! From fourteen converts in forty years to 675 in less than two!

Or take the case of Spain where evangelicalism is carried on mostly underground. Here Roman Catholicism is a state religion. It is even forbidden to open a bookstore to sell evangelical literature.

And yet in this spiritually dry country, young George Verwer of "Send the Light Mission" has penetrated the masses with literature. "We opened a bookstore in the heart of Madrid," Verwer explained, "and sold Catholic Bibles. We did this because this Bible has the Gospel of John in it like ours. Since this was the only form of literature we could use, we utilized it to underscore the Gospel."

Roman Catholic France is another example of spiritual dryness. Verwer was told that it was very hard—next to impossible—to sell books there. And yet in one rainy week, Verwer sold \$130 of books and distributed 50,000 tracts. "People in France are sending \$5 and asking for every book on our list now," he added.

Through Moody Correspondence Courses, Verwer, as of late 1961, had over 30,000 people enrolled from the U.S., Mexico, and Spain. Since then the number has doubled.

"I'm sold on literature," Verwer said. "If I had a choice between wearing these clothes or reaching another person with literature, there wouldn't be any hesitation."

Then there's the phenomenal population explosion in Latin America. This vast territory has increased from 90 million in 1925 to 205 million in 1961. Protestants have increased from 800,000 to 10 million in the same period. But along with this steady growth in the church has come increased Catholic activity with its attempts to strangle the evangelical witness.

Communism, meanwhile, has geared its program in this area to the nearly 50 percent literate population. There are now about 350 communist, or pro-communist, newspapers and periodicals exclusive of Cuban publications. A 1960 catalog showed at least 1500 communist titles.

But missions are not slow in Latin America to see the potential of literature. Literature fellowships such as LEAL, CLEB and ELO sponsor workshops in all phases of literature to stimulate production and distribution. Bookstores in Brazil alone have increased from twenty to sixty stores in five years, and many more new ventures in the bookstore field have

been sparked by these workshops.

Meanwhile, the VERBO magazine to reach the masses has increased its circulation from 10,000 to 45,000 in five issues!

Space would not permit comment on the new literature ventures in the Philippines, India and Japan among others. But in every area of the world where there is missionary activity, literature is becoming one of the potent tools to close the gap between population explosion and evangelical outreach.

Now—just suppose? Suppose that tomorrow all of the countries we mentioned decided to halt missionary activity as far as face-to-face contact is concerned. Would this mean the end of gospel penetration? Thank God, no. For while any government may forbid this personal contact, it is reluctant to forbid its own people from buying what they want in terms of literature.

So, then, whether literature is used to augment present missionary forces, or to go where no missionary exists, or even to do the job when all mission programs are halted—it is one of the means today given of God to close the gap between the church and millions outside.

—Prepared by Evangelical Literature Overseas



# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the Margate, Florida Grace Brethren Church in relation to the property problems faced by them which is holding up their building progress.

PRAY for Winona, Minnesota in working out a property exchange and a full time ministry.

PRAY for the home mission churches at Wheaton, Illinois; Davenport, Iowa; and Hagerstown, Maryland where new pastors have just begun their ministries.

PRAY for the Taos radio broadcast. The station is now four times more powerful, and its outreach will result in a more powerful testimony for Christ.

PRAY for wisdom in the change of locations at Seattle, Washington.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for God's guidance for the new officers as they seek to carry out their duties.

PRAY that God will burden our men to give to the completion of the Scholarship Fund.

PRAISE God for a wonderful time of blessing at the conference laymen's meetings in August.

PRAY for maturity in the lives of our Brethren laymen.

PRAISE God for the privilege of helping Brethren young people at Grace College through the scholarships.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for the enlargement campaign now in progress in our Sunday schools, that many people may be added to Sunday school and the body of Christ.

PRAY that every teacher may have spiritual power as they teach.

PRAY that the Sunday school conferences now being conducted may be helpful to our workers.

PRAY for the continued needs of finances of the National Sunday School Board.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAISE God for all He has done, and is doing in blessing our men in the field and in raising up young men who are looking to evangelism as their life calling!

PRAY earnestly for the anointing of the Spirit of God upon our evangelists as they are beginning a new season in the field. Pray that this shall be the beginning of a great revival throughout our brotherhood and the bringing in of a tremendous harvest of souls for Christ.

PRAY that God will lay the burden of souls upon many more students in Grace College and Seminary which will result in many more evangelists and evangelistic musicians in the field.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAISE God for the successful beginning of the Fall semester.

PRAY for a proper adjustment of the new students to the College and Seminary life.

PRAY for the maintenance of a deep spiritual life on Grace Campus all through the year.

PRAY for decisions by many students at the forthcoming Spiritual Life Conference to be led by Dr. Jack Murray.

PRAY for an early completion of the much needed girl's dormitory and general dining hall.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for many decisions that were made this past summer in our national youth conference. Pray that our young people will not forget their vows.

PRAY for the ministry of Ken Sanders as he holds workshops for youth leaders and young people.

PRAY for the ministry of the Youth Evangelism Team.

PRAY for wisdom and guidance for a committee which is seeking the Lord's will concerning a national camp ground.

## SMM

PRAY that each girl will want to live a consistent Christian life in "Serving My Master", that others may be won for the Lord.

PRAY that each girl will put Christ first in her life and throughout each day's activities, that the Holy Spirit will guide her at school, home or at work.

PRAY earnestly for the new national officers. Pray also for the local and district officers that our Father may guide and bless the entire year's work.

## WMC

PRAY for an hungering in the hearts of our WMC ladies for the Word of God.

PRAY that the Lord will bless and challenge us as we meditate on the studies of our being "His Own."

PRAY for the new WMC Councils which have been organized this past year and for the new members in our councils.

PRAISE God for the blessings of our WMC meetings at National Conference.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE the Lord for the growing youth work in Mexico and for the new youth paper, *Maranatha*.

PRAY for the new elementary Bible School which was recently begun at the Boguila station in Africa.

PRAISE God for the Brazilian laymen who are helping at several of the preaching points near Macapa.

PRAY that it will be possible for three young people in Lyon, France, who greatly desire to study in a Bible Institute to do so.

PRAISE the Lord for those in Hawaii who obeyed Him in baptism last month. Pray for growth in their Christian lives.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for the generous financial and prayer support of Brethren people for the printed ministry of our fellowship.

PRAY that the Missionary Herald will be able to extend its free literature ministry at home and abroad.

PRAY for a careful preparation of the 1963 *Brethren Annual*, which will be published Nov. 16.



## PEOPLE . . .

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yours as you obediently and faithfully allow that indwelling Spirit to shepherd your mind and your body, and as you commit to Him all that you are and have and hope to be.

Such a life is for the theologian and for the mailman. I say mailman because Grandfather Larson was that, and he inspired this article. His was a life of love, shown in simple, sincere ways each day. Though I never knew him, I have heard that this Christian Swede not only delivered mail regularly, but also affected lives constantly on the route that was his in Burlington, Iowa. That he was all things to all people on that route—the babysitter for those who had to hurry somewhere and back, for instance. That his courtesies and kindnesses were constant, which included the things he said and the way he treated people as individuals who deserved the same kind of treatment that he himself wanted. That from his humble life flowed non-stop love and unselfish care for others.

Grandfather never got his Th.D. or read *Watchman Nee*. He never learned to explain theologically the work of the Holy Spirit in his life—not that any of these things are irrelevant. But he did learn what it means to love with completeness because he, in the best way that he knew how, wanted God to have his life for His own.

When he retired from that route, the entire west end of the city closed their shops and postponed other duties to honor him at a crowded reception in the local Baptist church, an occasion that the Burlington old-timers still talk about. "If ever I saw a Christian, it was Grandpa Larson," said an unchurched relative who saw how he cared.

The Christian has told the world via radio and television, journalism, and personal witness that he loves God and everybody too. But the Christian's actions speak so loudly that the world cannot hear what he says.

The Brethren—let's get denominational—have explained again and again why with many they hold to salvation by grace through faith,

## Meet a Missionary . . .



He doesn't get tired; doesn't need a furlough; keeps on working day and night. He contacts thousands of people every month, in this country and around the world. Pray for this unusual missionary: the magazine you are reading!

## Power of the Printed Page

Printed words get results—no matter who uses them. For example during one year, the Roman Catholic Church's advertising program—through the Knights of Columbus' Religious Information Bureau—received 280,000 inquiries in response to its insertion in major periodicals. Almost 36,000 enrolled in the free course of religious instruction provided by mail as a follow-up to the ads. . . . Since the program was launched in 1948 to spread Catholic teachings, inquiries have totaled 4,655,026 and enrollments 497,257—a ratio of about one enrollment for every nine applications.

with less to the verbal inspiration of the Word, with fewer to trine immersion, and such like. But if others could see that we really care—really care. And care that really matters can only come from Jesus.

*Think of all the people in your school, or where you work, who are just plain impossible to get along with.* Gretchen Stut, a classmate not nearly so incompatible as the Samaritan woman, who needs a friend who cares in spite of her response. Charlie Guessin, the guy at work who has never really heard that Jesus died on the cross to give a ransom to live and a subject to talk about.

*Add to them those relatives of yours who are perfectly obnoxious.* Uncle Ken, a man not nearly so

homeless as the Gadarene demoniac, who needs to see that someone loves him enough to actually want to help him. Cousin Julia, a critic not nearly as cynical as Simon the Pharisee, who needs to be sternly, but lovingly, directed to the Word of God.

*Group them with the people in your church who are hypocrites for sure.* Brother Black, a sinner not half as bad as the thief on the cross, who needs to know that God loves him and is ready to forgive and that you are too. Assistant Pastor and Director of Youth and Music Jenkins, a leader who lacks nothing compared to the Rich Young Ruler, who needs to see that you are wanting to understand his advice, rather than reject it.

What is the total?  
People you love.





# Youth Page

Compiled by Dave

Hocking, National

Youth Director

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## NORTHERN ATLANTIC WINS AGAIN!

For the second consecutive year, the Northern Atlantic district has won the championship in Bible Quizzing. Surviving some tough competition throughout the quizzing, the Northern Atlantic district, clad in "Hawaiian flavored" outfits, was consistent in scoring in each of their quizzes and managed each time to stay on top of the three-way quizzes.

In the final championship quiz, it was Northern Atlantic vs. Iowa. This was Iowa's second year. Last year they placed third, and this year . . . well, they almost made it! Our congratulations to the Iowa district for doing such a fine job in only their second year of quizzing. Ten teams were entered this year including, Northern Atlantic, Iowa, Indiana, Southeast, East, Northwest, California, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, and Northern Ohio.

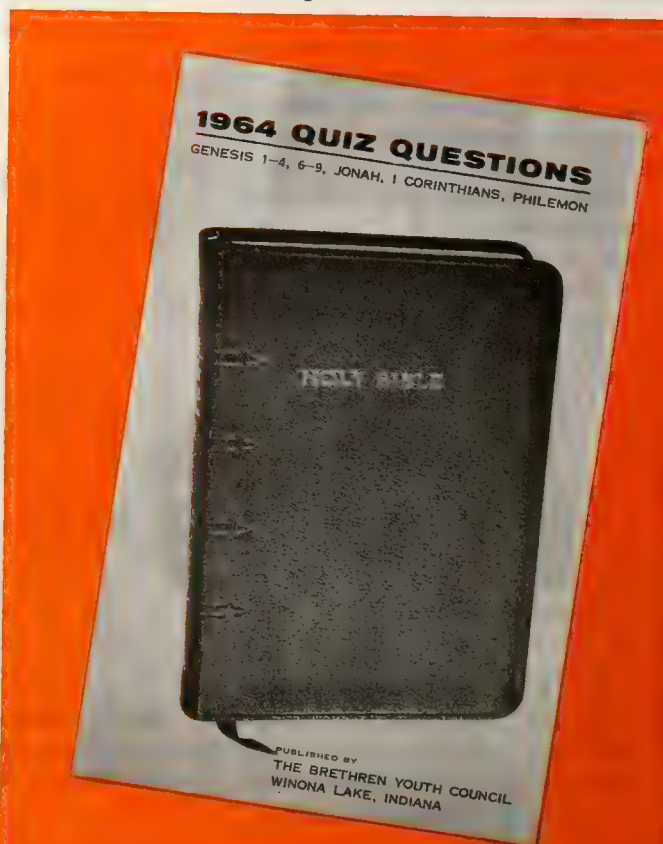
The consistent scoring of the Northern Atlantic team proved too much for the other teams, and the final quiz wound up at 230 to 110. This means that they will be traveling to Puerto Rico this coming spring to view our mission life there, and to catch a glimpse of the need across the world for workers.

## MANY BLESSINGS!

All of the sessions at our Brethren Youth Conference this year proved to be a real blessing and inspiration to every one. The morning messages by Dean Fetterhoff on "God's Call" spoke to many hearts. Our missions speaker "Amazon Bill" Burk, brought clear, and definite messages each day as to what service as a missionary really means. Bob Davenport gave us some excellent devotional thoughts each evening on the Christian life, putting Christ first in all things, instead of self. We also had the wonderful privilege of hearing Simon Pierre Nambozouina. Fifteen young people gave their lives to the Lord the night he spoke. We could go on and on counting the blessings of the week. Fifty-three decisions were made throughout the week, for which we praise the Lord!

## QUIZ-QUESTION BOOKS FOR 1964

These fine Quiz-Question books are now available to you from our office for only \$1. Over half of the books that we ordered have been sold already! If you would like to receive one, don't fail to write as soon as possible. You will find that these books will serve as a guide to the type of questions that are being asked at our national youth conference each year. They also provide an excellent study plan. The books only include questions . . . the answers must be filled in by the quizzers. The books this year cover Genesis 1-4, 6-9; Jonah, I Corinthians, and Philemon. Start a Bible Quiz Team in your church right away, and we will see you next year at our Brethren Youth Conference, competing for the championship and the trip to Puerto Rico!



# BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

Home Missions and Grace Schools Issue  
October 19, 1963



*Lancaster  
Breaks Ground*





# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Now—a Training School for Atheists

Stockton, Kansas, is to be the site of a new kind of school in the U.S.A. According to announced plans Mrs. Madalyn Murray, of Baltimore, heads an organization called Other Americans, Inc., which plans to establish an atheistic center in the unwilling Kansas community. Mrs. Murray filed suits which earlier this year resulted in a ruling by the United States Supreme Court against Bible reading in the public schools. Another atheist in the stockton area, Mr. Carl Brown, is reported to have offered to deed over eighty acres of land to accommodate an atheist school, information center, radio station, printing plant, and a home for atheistic senior citizens. It is claimed that \$100,000 is already available in cash and pledges for the project.

As far as we know this is the first time in American history that such a project has been undertaken. Atheists have always been busy. Literature has been distributed. Atheists have lectured. The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism has operated. Some TV and radio shows have been dangerously close to promoting it. Some college professors teach it in state-supported schools. But now, we may have a package, which, if it develops could become the headquarters for another religion which has no God.

The word "atheist" means "without God." Even though there are different brands of atheism they are all based on a common fallacy. The atheist must believe that there is no power or person higher or greater than man to whom man could turn or with whom he must reckon. This places all standards for human existence and practice in the hands of men. Because man is sinful and has conclusively demonstrated this in his total history since Adam, these standards will inevitably destroy the foundations of morality and all good human relationships.

### COVER PHOTO

Breaking ground for the new Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Left to right: Pastor, William Tweeddale, Mr. William Creighton, Mr. John Lapp, Mr. Samuel Baer, Mr. Warren Diffenderfer, and Mr. Glenn Stauffer.



If there is no God, any man can decide what is right or wrong in his own eyes.

The recent decisions of the Supreme Court, even though it may be admitted that they are a proper interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, are opening the way for an unprecedented advance in atheism. If the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations have their way, the name of God will be removed from our coins and all public reference to Him will be deleted.

All of this indicates which way America is headed—*Away From God!*

Increases in crime, alcoholism, divorce, immorality, corruption in politics, apostasy in the church, and even an increasing spiritual apathy among evangelical believers, underline this fact.

Practical atheism is very popular today. Many people live as if there is no God. Reference to Him is merely a routine or academic affair.

Could America become an atheistic nation? Why not? It happened in Russia. Why couldn't it happen here? Wide and effective communist influence in our Nation would aid the cause. Atheism is attractive to many. It feeds the human ego. An atheist becomes his own standard bearer and this, he thinks, makes him equal with God, even if there were a god. The natural pride of man is a fertile field for the seeds of atheism.

There is *one* conclusive answer to the atheist. It is the supernatural revelation of the Word of God. Intellectual arguments are usable and effective to a point. God says: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Ps. 14:1). The word "fool" means an "empty person." The same Word proclaims the existence of God. He is a great "I AM." God was in the beginning (Gen. 1:1).

Accepting this truth is the beginning of wisdom. Man must believe that God has revealed himself primarily through His Word. Then he will clearly see God in design, in nature, and so forth.

How many Americans have heard the truth of God's Word? Ignorance of the Bible in this Nation is appalling. The simplest truths of Scripture about sin, salvation, heaven, and hell are unknown to millions. The church is failing to make the truth known!

In America today God has only one force that can absolutely stop the advances of atheism—true believers from evangelical churches faithfully witnessing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to lost souls at every Spirit-led op-

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# Laying the Groundwork and Breaking Ground

By Rev. William F. Tweeddale

The first spade full of earth was recently removed from a parcel of ground in Lancaster. Nothing exactly unusual about this happening, there are hundreds of buildings being built each year, and many of them are churches, what then makes this service worthy of a report? The reason is that God has performed a modern-day miracle. Let us start from the beginning.

## A Bible Class

A little over three years ago, the Northern Atlantic district Mission Board saw a field that was ripe for harvesting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a city that is the second oldest inland city in the United States and numbers about 75,000 people in the greater Lancaster area with about 280,000 people in the county. After much prayer and consideration, the board appointed Alva Conner, then pastor of the Harrisburg church, to lay a foundation for a New Testament Church. Through Brother Conner's faithfulness a Bible Class was started, then in November 1960 the study group called Rev. Wm. Tweeddale to be their pastor.

## A Sunday School and Church

In April 1961 the church launched into its first morning and evening services. Because this group knew the great value of radio, these twenty people took on by faith a radio ministry. God supplied the needs for this through the congregation, as well as the monthly rent.



Pastor William Tweeddale and Mr. Warren Diffenderfer, a member of the building committee planted the former tobacco field with corn this year and realized \$700 for the building fund.

## Cooperation in the Lord's Work

The Lord undertook in a mighty way, and the needs of this little group were supplied according to the abundance of God's riches. Through close cooperation of God's people working with the Home Missions Council, the district Mission Board, and the local congregation, the church was established in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

## Sunday School Triples in Sixty Days

Then in the fall of 1961, the new congregation numbering about forty people asked God to allow us to double in ninety days. Again the God of the impossible worked in a mighty way, and in sixty days we saw our Sunday school increase three times its original size to average 120 per Sunday.

## Two National Winning Quiz Teams

The young people of our church were driven with a desire to know the Word of God, and a quiz team from our church made up the nucleus of the team that went to the 1962 National Conference to win a trip to Puerto Rico. Then again in 1963 God did the impossible. A brandnew quiz team won district recognition as the top team, and formed the nucleus for the winning team in 1963. Many of you remember them in their Hawaiian outfits.

## Church Activities

WMC also grows with home missions. Under the able leadership of our past two presidents, Mrs. Catherine Nentwig, and Mrs. Helen Davidson, our WMC meetings have been the highlight of the month for



many women. The attendance averages forty or more.

God has raised up a Sisterhood, which is just now getting under way, as well as a Boy's Brigade. The laymen are active both in visitation, as well as a real program to reach the lost for Christ. Just this past week four teen-age boys and one woman were won for Christ through their efforts.

Our prayer meetings often number seventy or more. We have a family circle, a midweek service for every member of the family. Our Sunday school members are keenly dedicated to establishing a teaching program on a Bible Institute level. Mr. Robert Lapp is our Sunday-school superintendent, and he is also the first man to be licensed for the Brethren ministry from our church. In our Sunday school an adult may choose the subject that he has the most need of; for example, this quarter we offer a choice of "Cults," "Daniel," "Doctrine," and "Prophecy." In four years with proper programming an adult who studies hard will receive a diploma from our church.

#### ***Lancaster—the Cradle of The Brethren Church***

God who began the first mission outreach of The Brethren Church in Lancaster County over two-hundred years ago is continuing the work in a mighty way. Names like Ephrata, and White Oak, and Conestoga, which bring nostalgia to many Brethren armchair historians, are the backyards of many of our people. God is again resounding the precious words "Jesus Saves" through the spiritual offspring of Alexander Mack in the hills that were saturated with

the sweat and blood of the early Brethren settlers.

#### ***Dedicated for the King's Service***

We have eight young people in college this year—four of them are at Grace. The Lord has also been speaking to our laymen about concentrated Bible study, and missionary commitment. This fall three men with families enrolled in full time Bible college work—this was a real step of faith. We also have one layman enrolled in night school. Pray that the Biblical admonition, "able to teach others also," may be the battle cry of our church.

#### ***Wholly the Lord's***

A miracle that is in the making even as I write this article is the way the Lord has supplied our needs. Early this year Dr. L. L. Grubb stood before our congregation with an appeal to completely trust the Lord to

meet the needs of our property debt before we broke ground for our church. A week before Dr. Grubb laid this faith challenge before us we had accepted by faith a missionary goal of almost \$5000. The land debt at that time was \$7000, and District Missions was dropping their part of our support. As a pastor, I could not see how this could be done other than by a miracle of God: however our people responded to the challenge. On the morning of our ground-breaking service we were still \$150 short of our goal. When the offering was counted we noticed that the God of the Impossible did it again, we received over \$350, the other \$200 was needed to pay in advance for water service to the church site. The Lord knew all about our need. Pray for us when the construction crew comes to us this month that God may receive the glory as we "labor together" for Him. ▼



Aerial view of the Lancaster area.



Approximately 150 people outlining the building site.





Top (in the circle): The Harmonetts, Virginia Smith, Sharon Richards, and Nancy Smith, singing a special trio number for the ground-breaking service. These girls were also members of the 1963 winning quiz team.  
Bottom: Sam Baer, trumpeter, in the foreground, and assistant Sunday-school superintendent; Richard Baer, the other trumpeter.



## Minute-Men Helped Write the Lancaster Story

The reproduction of the letter below presented the need as of January 1961. The Minute-Men responded, the Lord multiplied the gifts, and the preceding story is as miraculous as the beginning of the church.



Dear Minute-Man:

"Another new Brethren Church"! What wonderful words they are! We have the opportunity to use them over and over again. But in only a few cases do we have the means to do this.

In a miraculous way God has started a new Brethren Church in Lancaster, Pa., a city of about 75,000 people. Several enthusiastic families responded to a Brethren newspaper ad placed in the local paper by the District Mission Board. A weekly Bible Class was started, and has been taught by area Brethren pastors.

Now, just as miraculously God has raised up an able pastor who graduated from Grace Theological Seminary. William Tweeddale was pastoring an independent church in Lebanon, Pa. He became convicted about our doctrinal position, has entered the Brethren ministry and now pastors the new church on a faith basis.

There are no funds available from our budget to help this struggling, faithful new group and pastor. They are meeting in the Lancaster Poultry Center, but cannot even hold Sunday services here.

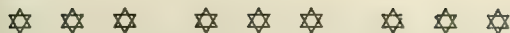
Your gifts will help us lay the keystone for this new opportunity. Please be a Brethren Minute-Man. Do not lay this letter aside. Put your dollar or more in the enclosed envelope and send it in at once. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

*L. L. Grubb*  
L. L. Grubb

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# ISRAEL CALLS!



## COOPERATION

By Miss Isobel Fraser

"When are we going to have our picnic?" This question can be asked as early as January or February, and by March and April it is quite common. This is the manner in which we conclude our meetings just before the Buttons leave on summer itineration. What the Sunday-school picnics are to the local churches, these picnics are to our work, and are just as much anticipated. Because of our various meetings, we have three that must be planned.

We missionaries also look forward to these outings. Although they are purely social, occasions often arise presenting opportunity to witness. I feel that such activities show we are interested in them personally and not just in their attendance at our meetings. Last year we found a wonderful picnic area in Griffith Park with all the needed facilities near at hand. Each group made their own plans as far as the lunch was concerned. In one group each one was to bring his own lunch, and we were to provide dessert and drinks. Another had decided to have a planned potluck featuring barbecued hamburgers. We were caring for the blind group because of their handicap. They had planned a weiner barbecue. The Buttons had charge of the food, and I was to plan the games. All we needed now was the cooperation of the weatherman.

The first group started out for the park about eleven o'clock, and arrived in time to have lunch about noon. Though each brought his own lunch, there was enough for sharing, and so it actually was an unplanned potluck. After the feasting, we were not too anxious for too much physical activity immediately, and so the fellows played croquet while the ladies performed mental gymnastics. Then the weatherman ceased to be cooperative and not only took away

the sun, but also sent a chilly wind. Although our picnic was cut short, the group enjoyed the outing which included a nice trip.

The other two get-togethers turned out to be indoor picnics as the weatherman refused to be cooperative from the start—clouds and drizzle were all he gave us. There is a saying going around California now: "There are fifty-one states in the Union—California had a little 'Sun' today!" Nevertheless, both were most successful. Chef Button barbecued the hamburgers and weiners on his grill on the back porch of the mission, and Mrs. Button and I were waitresses. Our services were much appreciated. After lunch we retired to the large living room for our games. We "bowled" and had contests. With the second group we concluded with a Bible contest, and we were especially pleased with the interest and answers from one Jewess who is not a believer. She gave some of the answers to the New Testament questions, as well as the Old. Later, on the way home, she mentioned that she enjoyed the Bible quiz, but found that she did not know the New Testament as well as she had thought; she would have to do more studying. Here is a question they all were stumped by; see what you can do. What man never enjoyed the privilege of a boyhood? (Answer backwards—mada)

We especially hoped that the picnic for the blind could be held outdoors where it would be much easier to have activities with them. I believe you would have enjoyed observing their balloon blowing contests and their alertness in participating in the mental gymnastics. In some areas they excelled our sighted people. Our desire is that they would all give such mental and heart alertness to the things of Christ.

We covet your prayers that they will take time to consider the teaching from the Bible that they have heard, and that they will heed the wooing of the Spirit of God. As I contact them in their homes, may I have liberty and wisdom in watering the seed sown. Over twelve of these folk have at various times attended church services, especially in the evening, with me. One is very regular but the others quite sporadic. I trust that a group of them will be faithful in the months ahead. ▼

## Board Meeting Memos

Forty-two mission points, plus a careful consideration of all home-mission policies, plus all of the Brethren Investment Foundation business provide ample consideration for the annual board meetings of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

Even though most of this business consists of details in connection with the mission points, each year some decisions are made which are of special interest to our corporation members and friends.

First: Because of a shortage in funds, a decision was made two years ago by the board not to add new mission points to our list. This year the decision has been rescinded. New mission churches may now be added to the list as regular Brethren Home Mission churches with the understanding that all of our facilities will be available to help develop the new church short of giving money for support of the new church. This situation will prevail until more funds are available.

Second: Realizing the great need of prayer in the present financial emergency, the board voted to have a special Day of Prayer for home missions before Thanksgiving. October 27 has been chosen for this special prayer effort. The board is hoping that all Brethren churches will participate in this prayer ministry.

We are deeply grateful for the spiritual support we receive from our prayer warriors and also for the gifts. ▼



# DAY OF PRAYER

FOR

## Brethren Home Missions

ON

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

*PLEASE PRAY*

### *Home Mission Field Reports*

**WHEATON, ILLINOIS** (Dean Fetterhoff, pastor). We had one of the greatest services in the history of this church last Sunday (Sept. 15). It was the ordination service for Jim Hutchens. Chaplain Burton Hatch flew here from Brooklyn, New York, to bring the message. Brother Hatch had led Jim to the Lord, baptized him and his wife and married them. There were seventy-five present.

**VANDALIA, OHIO** (Sherwood Durkee, pastor). We praise God for the two first-time decisions on Sunday morning, September 15. We are also grateful to Him for the new building the Brethren construction crew has just finished for us.

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA** (A. Harold Arrington, pastor). We had a blessed day yesterday. The Lord gave us four young people who publicly confessed Christ as Sav-

iour. I then baptized four young people and one adult in our first morning baptismal service. We also had our first Sunday afternoon Sunday-school picnic, and it seemed to work out very well with over sixty in attendance.

#### **WESTMINSTER CHURCH DEDICATED**

The Grace Brethren Church, Westminster, California, was dedicated on Sunday, September 29, 1963, with Dr. L. L. Grubb as the dedication speaker. The complete story will be featured in the November Home Missions-Educational Issue.

**TAOS, NEW MEXICO** (Sam I. Horney, missionary). The kindergarten opened here with a capacity of twenty and about ten on the waiting list. "The Taos News" on August 29 carried a picture of four children from the kindergarten with the caption "Integration—Who Needs It?" While over the country Segregationists and Integrationists quarreled, Taos kids happily mixed four proud cultures. In the picture on the playground swing was shown Andy Varos Jr., Indian; Danny Jaramillo, Spanish; Walter Singleton, Negro; and Randy Brooks, Anglo.

**HATBORO, PENNSYLVANIA** (William Steffler, pastor). We have two fine couples ready for baptism and our attendance is picking up. We are planning for our seventh anniversary celebration on December 8 and, at the same time, make a drive for our "Pew Fund."

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON** (Phillip Simmons, pastor). The View Ridge Brethren Church location here

has been sold and the present congregation will form two groups with one in the north and the other in the southern part of the greater Seattle area.

The pastor, Phillip J. Simmons, will continue to minister to the two groups during this formative period of development. He has conducted a week night Bible Class in the southern area for some time.

The people who make up the congregation live in these two areas, some thirty miles apart, and this was a factor in the decision to relocate.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (Robert Salazar, pastor). Our building program is moving right along. We are anticipating the completion of it by the end of October. We are then planning a formal dedication on the first week of November. Dr. L. L. Grubb is to be with us

for this service and be our dedication-day speaker.

CUBA, NEW MEXICO (James McClellan, superintendent). The Lord has marvelously answered prayer. We have forty-two students in boarding school and this is all the State will allow. Other students bring the total to fifty-five. We will have a good food supply when the Northwest WMC project arrives. It appears the need for the four-wheel drive vehicle will be supplied through the National WMC. Praise the Lord!

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA (Special). The Brethren Home Missions Council Office has a supply of the Prayer Booklets, "Home Missions Daily Prayer Guide," that are available to help you emphasize the need of prayer for Brethren home missions.

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portunity. This is our only hope.

Brethren people are helping to meet this need through Brethren home missions by starting new Brethren churches. God is revealed in His true character and person in these churches through the clear teaching of Scripture.

Conditions in our Nation today should certainly impel Brethren people to help us in this time of urgent need for prayer and funds in establishing new churches. Perhaps the Lord will lead some to give estates, annuities, or special gifts to start churches in this time of spiritual emergency.

Let us do more to turn America back to God! ▼

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# CHURCH NEWS

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**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, Kenneth Ashman, pastor, sponsored a sacred radio musicale on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25. There were 627 people in attendance at this service. The following musical groups were featured: The Christian Couriers Quartet of New Castle, Pa.; The Kidron Electric Choir, The Harmonaires, Rolland Millard, The Amstutz Sisters, and the First Brethren Girl's Quintet. Harriet Ashman was organist, and Halcyon Palmer was pianist.

**WASHINGTON, D. C. R. I.** Humberd will be the guest speaker at First Brethren Church, W. A. Ogden, pastor, during Nov. 3-8.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Walter Nowag, 81-year-old retired Brethren minister and member of the Geis-town Grace Brethren Church, underwent major surgery at the Lee Hospital Sept. 20.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** The North Long Beach Brethren Church, George Peek, pastor, has set a Sunday school attendance goal of 2,000 to be reached in October.

**LEESBURG, IND.** A stewardship conference with Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman of Fallbrook, Calif., was held in the Leesburg Brethren Church Sept. 15-17. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

**ASHLAND, OHIO.** Miles Taber, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, underwent medical treatment at the Pennsylvania University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15. Prayer is requested.

**CUBA, N. MEX.** School opened at the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School on Aug. 26. Enrollment stands at 55 for the school year. Government schools are pulling

for students in this area, but the Lord answered prayer and sent a capacity enrollment in spite of this fact. James McClellan, supt.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Rev. and Mrs. Caleb Zimmerman were involved in an auto accident just outside of Dayton on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22. Mrs. Zimmerman received a broken jaw and other minor lacerations and bruises of the face, and Brother Zimmerman received lacerations of the face and head. The car was totally demolished. Caleb Zimmerman is pastor of The Brethren Church of Huber Heights in Dayton.

**LANCASTER, PA.** The Grace Brethren Church of Greater Lancaster, William Tweeddale, pastor, reports that five adults made first-time decisions for the Lord during the first week in September. The people pictured below are members of Grace Brethren Church who are attending various colleges and schools. From left to right they are: Mrs. and



Mr. Laverne Mumma, both at Bob Jones University; Mr. Kyler Richards, Grace College; Mr. John Lapp, Lancaster School of the Bible; Mr. John Cressler, Grace College; Mr. Samuel Baer, Lancaster School of the Bible; Miss Nancy Smith, Millersville State Teacher's College; Miss Elsie Diffenderfer, Grace College; Mr. Amos Musser, and Miss Virginia Smith, Lancaster School of the Bible. Not pictured but also away at college are Rev. Robert Lapp, Lancaster School of the Bible; Miss Lois Ober, Moody Bible Institute; and Sharon Fry, Grace College.

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** Dr. Harold H. Edling, National Sunday School director, was the guest speaker at First Brethren Church Sept. 15. Charles Thornton, pastor.

**BELLFLOWER, CALIF.** Dr. L. L. Grubb, Brethren Home Missions

Council secretary, presented a home-mission challenge at First Brethren Church Sept. 15. Raymond Thompson, pastor.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.** Conrad Sandy, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, suffered a heart attack during the Sunday-school hour, Sept. 22. He is a patient in the Carmichael Hospital where he was stricken with the second attack on Monday, which necessitated the administration of oxygen. From the latest report, he seems somewhat improved. Prayer of the brotherhood is requested.

**YAKIMA, WASH.** Henry Rempel has accepted the unanimous call to become the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, and will begin his ministry on Oct. 20. Until a permanent address is secured, he can be reached at 904 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

**OZARK, MICH.** The Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene at the Ozark Grace Brethren Church Nov. 28-30. Pastor Richard Sellers, Warsaw, Ind., will be a featured speaker.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Rally day homecoming services were held at the First Brethren Church, G. Forrest Jackson, pastor, Oct. 6. Dr. Russell Barnard, former pastor of the church and now general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, was the special speaker. The Youth Evangelism Team, Dave Hocking, director, provided special music in the morning service. Bill Pearce, nationally-known Christian soloist, gave a sacred concert in the afternoon service.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Alva J. McClain, Winona Lake, Ind.

John Mayes, Long Beach, Calif.

Neil Beery, Portland, Oreg.

Leonard Bennett, Stoystown, Pa.

Edwin Cashman, Compton, Calif.

George Christie, Grandview, Wash.



WHEATON, ILL. James Hutchens, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry here Sept. 15. He is a graduate of Wheaton College



and a senior in Dallas Theological Seminary. Chaplain (Major) Burton Hatch, who led Brother Hutchens to the Lord while in military service, delivered the ordination message. The ministers who participated in the ordination service are pictured left to right: Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Wheaton, Ill.; Rev. Bruce Whitmore, Chaplain Hatch, and Rev. Curtis Mitchell.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Richard L. Burch was formally installed as pastor of North Riverdale Brethren Church during the Sunday morning service on Sept. 22. A reception was held for the Burch family following the evening service of the same day with approximately 140 present.

ELKHART, IND. Dave Hocking, National Youth director, plans to hold a youth revival at the Grace Brethren Church during National Youth Week, Jan. 27-Feb. 2. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

GOSHEN, IND. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, director of public relations at Grace Seminary and College, was the special speaker at Grace Brethren Church on Sept. 15. There were 117 in attendance at Sunday school. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Mr. George McQueen, president of the Indiana district Brethren Laymen's Fellowship, was guest speaker at First Brethren Church, Sept. 22. Mark Malles is pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA. The First Brethren Church, Paul Dick, pastor,

reports 49 decisions of various nature were made during the eight-day evangelistic services held by Evangelist Bob Collitt in September.

MOVING? Send us your new address. The post office charges us 10 cents for each undeliverable *Brethren Missionary Herald*. Thank you.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. "The Winningest Sunday School in America" is the title that has been bestowed upon the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Lauderdale. Sunday school attendance in eight years has grown from a start of 29, to a peak of 627. Ten trophies and a number of other awards and special mentions have been earned in denominational and interdenominational competition.

Among Brethren churches in America, Fort Lauderdale has won first place in each of the five divisions through which it has grown. Three times it has won the district award for the fastest growth in South-eastern States on a percentage basis. For the last two years she has collected the "Sunday School of the Year" award for outstanding growth, quality achievements, and overall attainments, including the starting of two branch Sunday schools. Four building expansion programs have been necessitated by the Sunday school growth since the original building was erected in 1956.



Pastor Colburn (center in the picture) has also served as Sunday school superintendent since 1956, and in recent years has been ably assisted by Stan Scheuch, left, and Herman Hostettler, right.

FORT WAYNE, IND. The junior high department of the Sunday school of the First Brethren Church, Mark Malles, pastor, had a Guest Day on Oct. 13. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed at noon with Rev.

and Mrs. Leo Polman as guest speakers. The Indiana district youth rally will meet here on Oct. 25 and 26.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BRUNNER, Mrs. Alois, 52, went to be with Christ, Sept. 14. She was a long-time member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio.

—Thomas Hammers, pastor

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Dorothy Krohling and John Scott, Aug. 3, First Brethren Church, Grandview, Wash.

Karen Jean Kizer and George Fred Tattersall, Sept. 20, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Molly Nunley and Larry Elmore Simmons, Aug. 23, Clearbrook Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Katherine Elaine Schwab and Richard Paul Vouga, Aug. 2, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Jean Elizabeth Harwood and Fredrick Darroll Godley, Aug. 9, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Linda Barron and Ralph Hottle, Aug. 10, Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Sally Elaine Lingenfelter and James Ray Overman, Aug. 9, Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

Fina Amarante and Tom Rivera, Sept. 28, Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.

Carol Bartley and Gary Lower, Sept. 22, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

*Pray* for the ministry  
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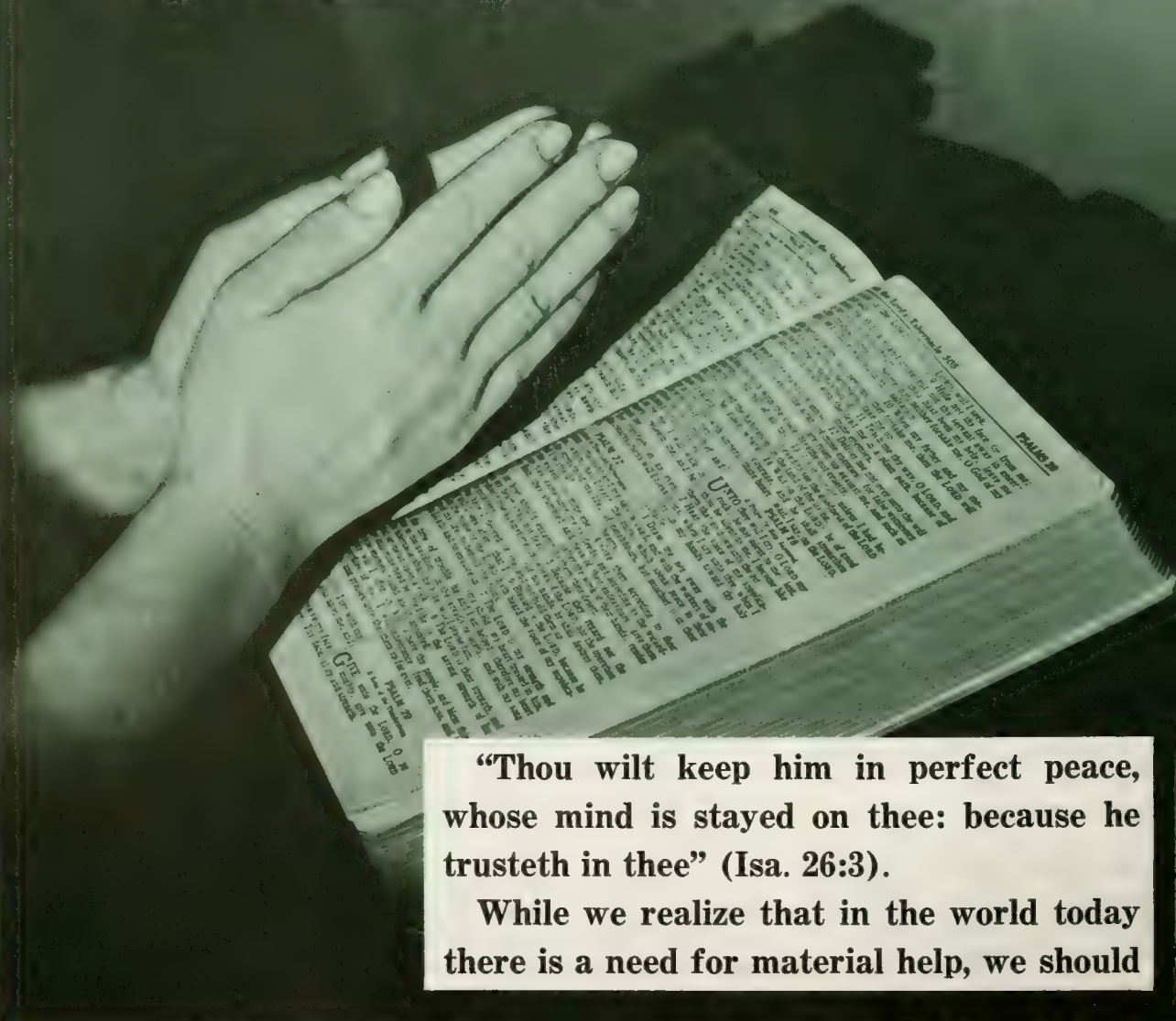
OBSERVING PROTESTANT PRESS MONTH



BY KATHERINE BEVIS

# ALTERING OUR LIVES

*by Altering Our Attitudes*



**"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3).**

**While we realize that in the world today there is a need for material help, we should**

not forget that nothing is so much needed as *peace of mind*! And we know that peace is established in God and is untouched by what anyone may say or do.

Out of the fables and folklore of the past emerges the intriguing idea of three wishes around which a story is built.

By turning a ring, rubbing a monkey's paw, or accomplishing certain feats of valor, a person could state the things he wanted most, and his wishes would be granted.

What an opportunity!

What would your three wishes be?

I am sure that the first wish any one of us would make would be for *peace of mind*, regardless of what our other two would be.

"Much human illness," a great physician has said, "begins in the mind and is the result of the *way we think*."

The noted psychologist, William James, says: "The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." *Peace of mind* is a great gift; yet no one can confer it upon the individual but himself. God tells us in His Word: "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace."

A knight was going traveling one day, and he thought it would be wise to provide himself against every emergency. So he put a mouse-trap in his pocket, lest he be troubled with mice. He threw a beehive over his shoulder, lest he be pestered with bees. He put a mosquito net in his satchel lest he be annoyed with mosquitos. And, in the end, he had such a load he could not carry it.

This is a parable of life. You and I are embarked on a voyage of life, and like Columbus, have boldly set our sails across an unknown sea in search of the Land of Promise. We must not load our ship of life with unnecessary thoughts of fear and bitterness. For however long a life may be it is always too short to be hampered, held back, cluttered up, embittered with resentments, grudges, plans for getting even. People will aggravate us, even the ones we love the most. And how easy it is for us then, to resent what they have

said, what they have done or left undone, to declare a feud in our minds, if not in words, until we get even. How easy but how pathetic, how futile, how tragic, for life is too short to think anything but beautiful, forgiving, thankful deeds, and thoughts.

We all need a place of rest where we can be alone with God if we are to alter our lives by altering our attitude. In the jostling crowds and the confusion of the world about us, it is difficult to *hear* the still, small Voice with its message of strength and comfort.

During my rural childhood, I used to wonder why, in the late afternoon my old Grandfather would walk to a willow-clustered smoke-house near our farm home, and seat himself on the log of a fallen oak.

Time and again I watched him take that walk. Sometimes he would stay an hour or more, one leg dangled across the other, his white-haired head bowed.

This puzzled me, and perhaps hurt me a little, for he would leave me abruptly for this retreat. Since he spent much time listening to me read the Bible to him (he loved God's Word, but his eyes were growing

dim), once after many such times as those when he left me and went on alone, I asked him on his return, his reason. I shall never forget the answer he gave to me: "Kathy, a man ought to stop talking now and then—he can't talk and learn at the same time."

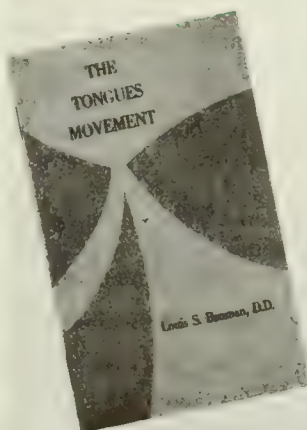
Another time he said something I have tried to always remember in this hurry-flurry life I must live: "I guess, Kathy, I offer up my best prayers without opening my mouth."

One day I remember it so well, we sat talking together at the early evening time, and he said to me: "Now, Kathy, stop talking while we both look at that sunset aflame with scarlet and gold. Nobody can see how pretty a thing is while their tongues are going."

In thinking back over the years, when I recall what my old Grandfather said to me at different times, I fully realize how he found *peace*, this great gift of life that we alone can give to ourselves—as he sat in silence on the log amid the clustered willows, it was simply by heeding the Scriptures he loved so well—"Be still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10). ▼

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# POWER UNLIMITED

By Dr. V. R. Edman  
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This generation has witnessed such an outburst of physical power in the unlocking of the atom, and in the harnessing of electronics that we are not surprised by anything the physical scientists produce. Atomic energy, hydrogen bombs, electronic computers, intercontinental ballistic missiles, space travel, moon probes we witness, and hardly wonder, what next?

Many of the products we buy daily in the supermarket, or in the drug store, never existed ten or even five or less years ago; and there is no telling what will appear tomorrow. In all this display of scientific development and expansion of power, we may be inclined to forget that mankind in days past has produced an ever greater power. It was the power which unlocked the minds of men and made available the spread of information wherever mankind had learned to read. Thomas Carlyle spoke reservedly in *Past and*

*Present* when he declared that "He who first shortened the labor of copyists by a device of *movable types* was dispensing hired armies, and cashiering most kings and senates, and creating a whole new democratic world—he had invented the *art of printing*."

There are devices for measuring the tremendous potential in output of energy from any physical power produced by man, prodigious as that may be, but who can measure the impact of Gutenberg's invention of the printing press? By a mechanical device which to us seems absurdly simple—by an idea which may not seem novel to us, much less world-shaking—the first crude printing press of the fifteenth century and the use of movable type made available the expansion of knowledge beyond our power to comprehend or to measure.

It is significant that Gutenberg's first product was the Bible. That printing proved to be the beginning

of a worldwide flood of God's Word published by Bible societies in many lands, with the Book of Books translated in whole or in part to more than a thousand tongues. In its train over the centuries followed a flood of good books which continues to increase today. A world without books is unthinkable to us, and yet such was largely the case a half millennium ago.

To be sure, wicked men have likewise learned the value of the printing press and the printed page. Just as the Scriptures and good books have been multiplied by the millions, so wickedness, depravity, and darkness have been spread by evil literature. For example, who can measure the amount of evil which has been wrought in the past century through the writing, publishing, and scattering abroad of *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx? In many parts of America and elsewhere, vile and vicious books are being made available, especially to young and inquiring minds. The printing press, like atomic energy, has infinitely vast potential for good—and likewise for destruction.

The contest between the great nuclear powers of the world with their atomic and hydrogen bombs is not as important for the future of mankind as the contest for the minds of men in the battle of books. The demand for books, any kind of books, is enlarging at a breathtaking rate. Literacy is increasing rapidly in most parts of the world, *but what will the newly literate peoples of the earth read?* The enemies of mankind are alert to make available attractive literature to these unsuspecting peoples. What is the church doing to bring the message of salvation and the truth of God to these multitudes?

The future of the world lies far more largely with books than it does with bombs. For all of our modern inventions and Twentieth Century development of power, the pen is still mightier than the sword. The call of the hour for God's people is the Spirit-anointed heart and head, the ready hand, the printing press, along with willing hands and feet which will get God's Word and good books to our bewildered generation.



# Laymen's Page

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN

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## WHAT LAYMEN ARE DOING

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** The third annual Northern Ohio District laymen's picnic was held on Labor Day here at Therm-O-Disc Park.

**LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO.** Members of the laymen's group at the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, sponsored a weekend retreat at the campground here on September 29 and 30. Men from several district churches attended.

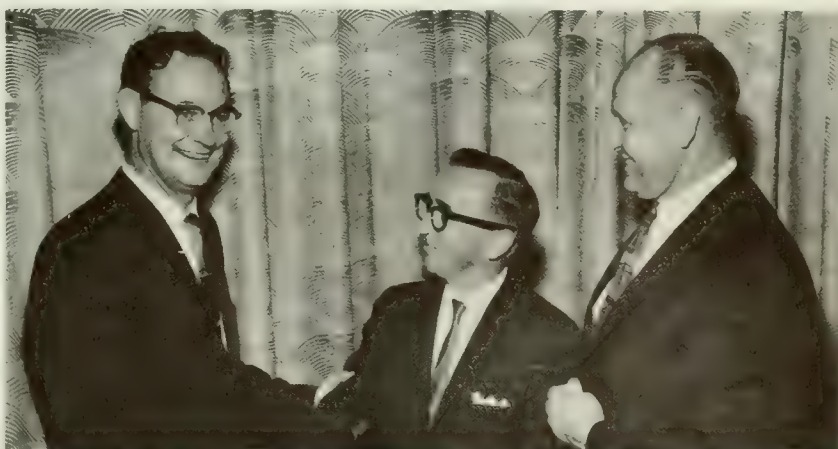
**BUENA VISTA, VA.** The laymen of the First Brethren Church held a special meeting on September 26 in an attempt to boost enthusiasm among their men. Average attendance at the meetings is twelve, but there were twenty-seven in attendance at this meeting. Ibie Lynn, president of the group, introduced Mr. J. K. Spencer, a Christian businessman from nearby Lexington, who brought a challenging message from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Buddy Smals, vice president of the group, led in several choruses and taught the men a special song he wrote entitled "Bring the Men."

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** The laymen of the Indiana district sponsored "Family Day" here September 7.

Approximately 250 laymen, pastors, and their families enjoyed the special services of the day and old-fashioned fellowship. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Torrey Johnson. Music and a special choir formed for the day's activities were under the direction of Don Ogden. Each church represented furnished special music at one of the services. It is planned to make this an annual event in the Indiana district.

**NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT** laymen held their fall retreat at Camp Mount Lou San near

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Host was the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who supplied food in abundance for the overnight camp. Speaker for the devotional sessions was Mr. Walter A. Haymen, director of New Life Boy's Ranch, Harleysville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Haymen was a former member of the Pennsylvania State Police and a personal bodyguard for the late President Roosevelt. He now directs a boy's camp for delinquent boys assigned to him by the Pennsylvania courts.



Left to right: Dr. Torrey Johnson, speaker for "Family Day" at Winona Lake; George McQueen, president of the Indiana district; and Leland Larmon, district secretary-treasurer.



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Burns, of Kokomo, Indiana, are shown with the special poster displayed on all cars going to the Indiana district "Family Day" at Winona Lake.



Group singing at the Northern Atlantic district retreat. Arrow shows Mr. Walter Haymen, speaker for the weekend retreat. At the lower left is Edward Wells, song leader.  
(Photo by Allen Zook.)



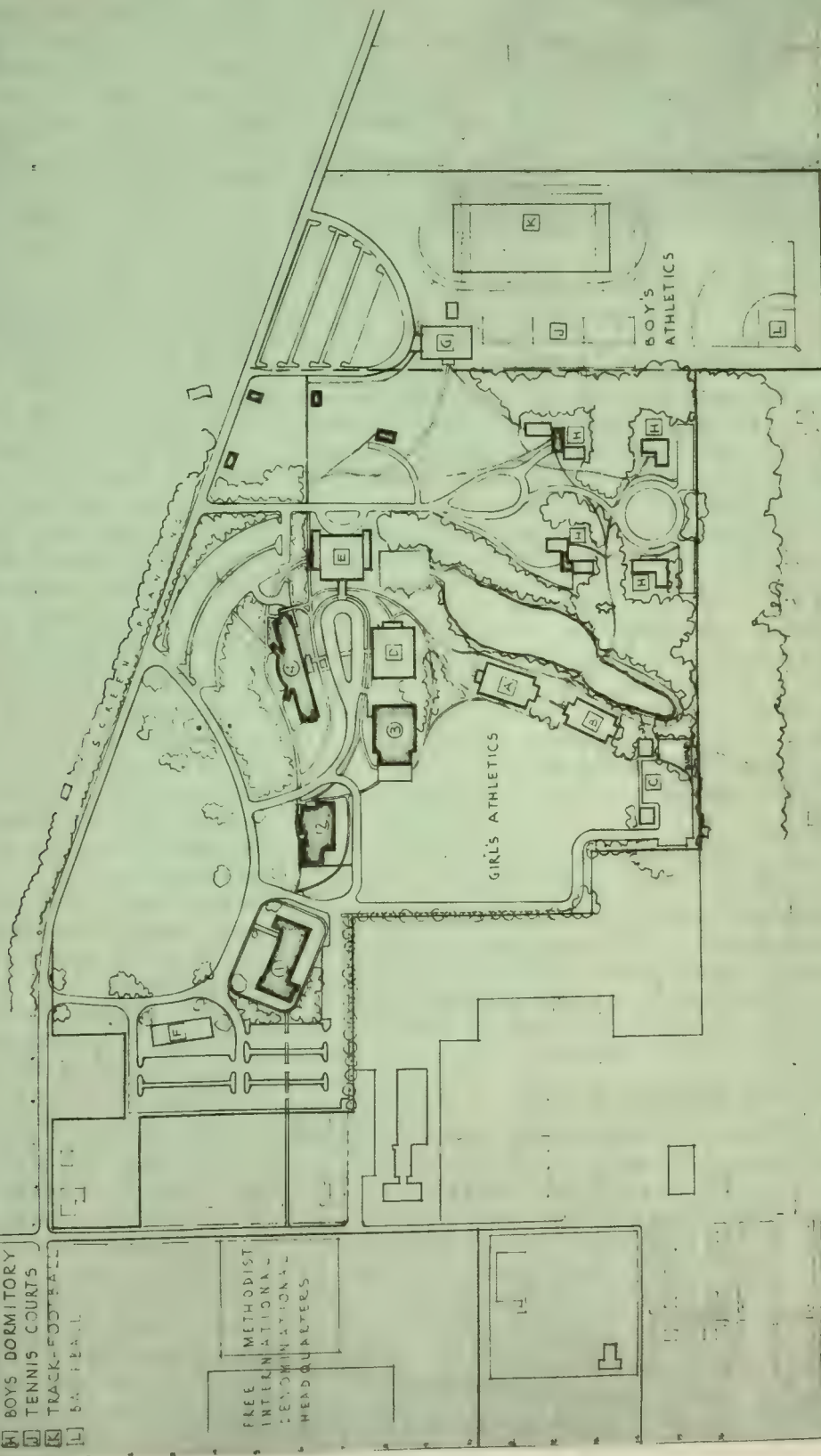
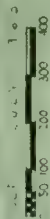


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## *President Hoyt Speaks*

### ***A Campus, Present, and Prospective***

On the preceding pages may be seen a beautiful aerial view of the present campus of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College. This photo was taken by civic interests to display in the local Warsaw Times-Union along with the many industrial sites of this area. We may well be proud of the place our school is taking in the community as it expands into one of the teeming, bustling centers of activity in Northern Indiana.

Equally interesting to the many who read this account will be the campus layout that is in prospect for the school. Over a period of a year, the Advisory Committee of the school, with the aid of a professional campus designer, has gradually drafted the plan as you view it. At the recent meeting of the board of trustees the plan was displayed and approved. Its development is now in process and will extend over the next several decades.

The speed with which it develops depends on the unfolding of history in the immediate future, and especially one part of that history; namely, the influx of students and monetary aid from the members of The Brethren Church. If, in the good providence of God, it is our good fortune to realize the plans under way, we predict that within a few years an attractive campus, enhanced by the natural lay of land and scenic in every detail, will take place before our eyes.

### ***A Dormitory and Dining Commons***

The present project under way is a girls dormitory and dining commons. As of this writing, the work is moving ahead slowly toward the completion of the first three floors. These will be occupied by the second semester of the year now in progress. This building is by far the largest building on the campus, and it is situated in the most conspicuous location on the campus.

An old farmhouse and barn standing to the front of it must be torn down and removed to complete the landscaping. When this is completed and parking lots, roads, trees, and lawn take their place, a most fascinating scene will greet all those who approach the school in winter or summer, spring or fall.

### ***Pressing Need for Other Buildings***

Dormitories for boys are pressing needs at this juncture. It is hoped that plans for such structures will be under way soon. These will lie to the east and south of the girls dormitory. An adequate library is now becoming a pressing need. The present library quarters were designed for the seminary, and for about one hundred students. Even in the seminary that number has been exceeded. And with between 300-400 college students in addition, it is obvious how cramped we are for room.

The auditorium in the seminary building has long ceased to meet the needs for combined gatherings of the seminary and college student body. For daily chapel services, it is fortunate that the seminary can meet in the chapel while the college meets in the auditorium. Events where the two meet together and invitations are extended to outsiders the limited space of present quarters reminds us of the need for a chapel building. Pray with us that these needs may be met.

### ***Too Many People in the World***

U. S. News and World Report puts the above caption in the form of a question. But are there too many people in the world? For those who know God and His Word, the answer must be no. God is the one who provided for the multiplication of the human race, and therefore He must have a reason. In terms of the business in which we are engaged at Grace Seminary and Grace College, it is to provide a population for the new and sinless order which He himself will usher in. It is our business to herald the message of redemption to them. It will mean that we must provide ever enlarging quarters to prepare the people for this task. But that is our God-given responsibility.

In the United States, during the past fifty years, population has increased from 80 million to 190 million. By 1975 it is expected to reach 225 million, and by the turn of the century 322 million. In the world at large the population of the world has doubled in the last fifty years, increasing from 1.5 billion to more than 3 billion. By 1975 it will have reached 4 billion at the present rate of growth.

To the prognosticators on the human level, this is the foreshadowings of trouble on intensified world scale. Famine, pestilence, human misery, wars, social problems, international difficulties will also multiply. Nation after nation, all of them seeking a place in the sun, if for no other reason than self-preservation, will intensify the problems among men. But to those who know the Word of God and accept growth as part of the plan of God for the human race, the opportunities expand for reaching a people for His name.

This people gathered out from the nations today, the church, will in the dispensation to come join with Christ in ruling and reigning over the saved nations of earth in which no one of these problems that loom so frighteningly over men today will exist. Their solution lies in the work of Christ as He ushers in a kingdom of the heavens that will solve all the problems in and among men.



# WHAT IS AN APOSTLE?

One of the important words of Christian history is the term "apostle" (Greek: *apostolos*), which occurs in the Greek New Testament eighty times (Moulton and Geden, *Concordance*). Although it is commonly understood by Christians as referring to the companions of Jesus, the precise import of the term may not be recognized, nor the fact that others besides The Twelve are so named in Scripture.

The word itself has an interesting derivation. It comes from two Greek words, one of which means to equip or prepare, and the other signifies "away from." Among the Greeks it denoted a properly qualified person who was sent away on a mission to represent someone else. An interesting papyrus fragment from the second century, B.C., describes a public official who sent to a delinquent a messenger (*apostolon*) bearing the orders which had been disregarded (Moulton and Milligan, *Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament*, p. 70).

It is readily seen how this sense is retained in many New Testament passages. In Luke 6:13 we are told that Christ made a selection out of the large group of disciples, and The Twelve thus chosen were named apostles. Mark 3:14 indicates that these newly-chosen apostles were selected "that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach." They were to be equipped by Christ's instruction, and then sent forth as His representatives.

## The Twelve Plus Paul

By far the most common Biblical usage of "apostle" denotes The Twelve who were chosen by Christ during His ministry. All of the occurrences in the Gospels refer to The Twelve. They were the per-

manent companions of Jesus, to whom He imparted His profoundest teaching (e.g., Olivet Discourse, Upper Room discourses), and who were His constant associates. To them were granted unique privileges as witnesses, and this was the basis for some responsibilities which were later laid upon them. "Ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning" (John 15:27). It was they who bore the original witness to Christ. The New Testament, which is their written witness, was produced either by them directly, or by others who were under their close surveillance.

Paul, converted on the Damascus Road several years after the resurrection of Christ, was nevertheless also commissioned directly by Christ. Therefore he too belongs to this restricted group of Apostles. He frequently calls himself "Apostle of Christ Jesus" (cf. I Cor. 1:1; II Cor. 1:1, *et al*), and considers himself on no less a level than they (II Cor. 11:5), although his former persecution of Christians made him at times almost apologetic about his office (I Cor. 15:9). In the New Testament, none except Paul and The Twelve are called "Apostle of Jesus Christ."

## Apostles of Churches

Another kind of person termed "apostle" in the New Testament was the official delegate sent out by local churches to perform certain ministries. This employment of the term is obscured in the King James Version which has used the translation "messenger." In Philippians 2:25 one of Paul's assistants, Epaphroditus, is called "your apostle." That is, he was the official delegate of the Philippian church who had been commissioned to take their gift to Paul. Other brethren who traveled with Paul on his journeys are termed "apostles of the churches" in II Corinthians 8:23. They are so named because churches had appointed them to this ministry in distinction from Paul and The Twelve who had been called by Christ directly.

## Barnabas

On the First Missionary Journey of Paul, there are two instances where the plural form "apostles" is

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used of Paul and Barnabas together. Acts 14:4 records that as a result of the evangelizing of Paul and Barnabas in Iconium "the city was divided: and part held with the Jews and part with the apostles." Later in the same narrative, the writer speaks of "the apostles Barnabas and Paul" (Acts 14:14).

Now Barnabas was not one of The Twelve. Perhaps he was called an apostle because he had been commissioned by the Antioch church (Acts 13:1-3) or the Jerusalem church (Acts 11:22), and thus was actually an "apostle of a church" (see preceding group). Or perhaps "apostle" is being used in a wider sense here, primarily referring to Paul but also with deference to his companion Barnabas.

## False Apostles

In contrast to these honorable uses of the name, there are a few New Testament instances in which evil men assumed the title, or at least presumed to grasp the authority of an apostle. Paul in II Corinthians 11:13 speaks of such "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." In Revelation 2:2 our Lord commends the church for putting to the test "them which say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars." These are the emissaries of Satan, rather than of Christ.

## Christ Himself

Finally, the most noble use of "apostle" is found in Hebrews 3:1: "Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus." Christ was the greatest messenger of the Father to men. He brought to them the good news of salvation and eternal life in His message and in the accomplishments of His life and death. ▼



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# HOLY PLACES

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What does it feel like to walk where Jesus walked? to stand by the sea of Galilee where so many of His miracles were wrought and so many of His messages were spoken? to stand on the Mount of Olives and look over the city of Jerusalem? to visit Calvary and the empty tomb? How *should* it feel? What should be a Christian's reaction to the lands of the Bible and the sites made holy by their association with our Lord?

I have had that privilege, and since then I have been evaluating the experience. And in view of the proposed Holy Land tour being sponsored by Grace Theological Seminary for next summer this question has again presented itself. It seems to me that there are some very real benefits to be gained, and some misconceptions to be avoided by the one who makes such a pilgrimage.

### A Spiritual Blessing

There is a very real and wonderful spiritual blessing to be received, the blessing of meditating again on the events and teachings of the Word of God. This is the same type of blessing which comes from studying the Word anywhere, but it is heightened and made more vivid by the actual contact with the historical and geographical setting. One can "learn a lot of Bible" on such a trip if he has a mind to, and that always brings a spiritual blessing.

### No Magical Bestowal

But here is a real misconception to be avoided. Some feel that a pilgrimage to the sacred sites automatically enriches one's spiritual life and brings one closer to the Lord. There is supposed to be virtue in the mere

proximity with these holy places. The Garden of Gethsemane would prompt prayer. The hill of Golgotha should inspire greater appreciation for the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. Such ideas are simply not true. As proof to the contrary, among the people who spend their lives there it is not easy to find any believers at all. Spiritual darkness and worldly indifference are just as preva-

*"I walked today  
where Jesus walked,  
And felt Him  
close to me . . ."*

lent in Jerusalem as in our own hometown. There is no magic in the holy places.

### A Sense of Reality

Another benefit to be gained in visiting the holy places is a new sense of the reality of the Bible. What had been stories out of a book suddenly take on life. David's encounter with Goliath comes alive and seems so real when you stand in the valley looking on the one side to the hill where the army of Israel trembled and on the other to the strutting lord of the Philistines; then stoop and pick up smooth stones from the brook where David found his five. Never again will this story be the same. It takes on body and substance. It gets a sense of reality as never before.

### Doubtful Authenticity

Here again there is a danger. Over there the people in charge know how to capitalize on this desire of the

traveler to see "the very spot" where Biblical events took place. Almost every Bible incident has been assigned to a specific place, and almost every hill and village is pointed to as the very place where something happened. By the time you are shown three tombs of the Virgin Mary you begin to wonder (particularly in view of the recent dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin into heaven without dying). There are two churches in Cana, each showing the exact spot where Jesus changed the water into wine; there are two places called Calvary, two empty tombs! You begin to feel that it is all useless, nothing is certain. And if the Devil can get you sidetracked by questions as to *where* it happened, he may succeed in getting you to forget *what* happened there.

But it is not so hopeless after all. There are many points about which there is no doubt; the sea of Galilee, the Jordan, the city of Jerusalem, the mount of Olives, Jacob's well, and many others. In Nazareth we may be skeptical when they point out the synagogue where Jesus preached, but we can be sure He did preach in a synagogue somewhere in that city. And the city is not very large, we cannot be very far from the spot.

### A Warning Against Idolatry

Perhaps the most conspicuous lesson to be gained from such an experience will come in the form of an unexpected disappointment. To a Protestant believer it makes the heart sick to see all the sacred spots cluttered with the trappings of idolatrous systems of worship. Elaborate and expensive altars, profuse images,

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# CHRISTIAN LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

WHEN IS a college not a college? When it no longer has the liberal arts at the center of its program. A college rightly so called is a community of faculty and students committed to maintaining that body of knowledge regarded as the great liberating force in Western civilization. It is the place where a general foundation is laid for all subsequent business and professional study. Consequently, it cannot be technical or professional in emphasis.

This does not necessarily imply that a liberal arts education therefore ceases to have practical value. John Henry Newman once said: "If a liberal education be good, it must necessarily be useful too." Probably few would be inclined to disagree with this statement. But—and this is the crux of the matter—what is useful? To know how to bake a cake? To be able to repair an automobile? Certainly these are useful skills, but they are not learned at a liberal arts college. A college teaches a student to think and to be acquainted with the finest and most significant thought of the past and present. Its aim is to help a person become educated. Learning to be useful from the point of view of a collegiate education means learning to ask the right kind of questions and knowing how to go about arriving at answers to these questions.

The importance of the liberal arts approach to education, especially as it functions within a Christian orientation, lies in the fact that it is the only type of education which really "liberates." A liberal arts education frees young men and women from their inadequacies and prepares them to experience a broader and deeper kind of life. Foundational in Christian liberal arts education is the belief that the primary concern of a college education should be to free the student from the bondage of his own natural limitations and tendencies unto a life of liberty in fellowship with the eternal God through Jesus Christ and in companionship with his fellow men.

The genius of the liberal arts college can perhaps be understood best in the light of its twofold purpose. The first objective is to instruct in the foundational skills and disciplines

of higher education. These include reasoning validly, communicating clearly, investigating intelligently, evaluating perceptively, and integrating constructively. The second objective is to introduce the student to several fields of study which constitute the arts and sciences. The realization of these objectives involves formal training in such studies as logic, foreign language, composition, speech, mathematics, the natural and social sciences, history, literature, fine arts, philosophy, and Bible.

Analysis of these objectives may lead some to criticize liberal arts education for emphasizing the intellect, seemingly to the exclusion of the development of other aspects of the student's life. The answer is simply that the development of the mind is the unique purpose of the liberal arts program. No doubt other purposes have some place, but the training of the intellect is the central aim and concern of this type of education. To the extent that the liberal arts college allows other objectives to dominate—whether they be vocational, professional or any other—it has lost its birthright and distinctive role. This does not mean that intellectual advancement is the sole activity of the Christian liberal arts college. It is educationally permissible and proper within the liberal arts tradition to take account of the spiritual, physical, social, cultural, aesthetic, and recreational needs of students. No one denies that there are important values other than academic pursuits. But the point is that a college which does not give first place to its distinctive academic objectives is not truly a liberal arts college.

What makes a Christian liberal arts college Christian or different from any other college? More is involved than daily chapel services, prayer before classes, required Bible courses, insistence on Christian moral standards, or even teachers who are thoroughly orthodox Christians in belief and practice. These are all important and should be characteristics of the Christian college. But a purely secular education in content

could be presented with these appendages, and the result would never be a consistent or significantly Christian education. Basically, a Christian liberal arts education builds on the assumption that an integral relationship exists between the academic disciplines and the Biblical Faith.

The entire college program is subjected to the lordship of Jesus Christ and regulated by the integrating principles which are found in Scripture as God's special revelation to man. A Christian college consists of Christian administrators seeking to orient the total collegiate program in terms of a thorough-going adherence to a Christian philosophy of education, Christian teachers seriously relating their special fields and the teaching of the same to a Christ-centered perspective on all reality, and Christian students committed to the pursuit of truth in whatever dimension of reality it is found. The integrating center in a Christian liberal arts education is the Christian view of reality, starting with God the Creator and man the creature in need of supernatural redemption. In the Christian college both teacher and student approach the diverse studies of modern education as ultimately having their full meaning only in a God-centered universe. The intellectual advancements they make are made reverently for the honor and glory of God. ▼



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- 2:30 p.m.—TALENT PROGRAM
- 4 p.m.—INTER-SQUAD BASKETBALL GAME  
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### THE HOLY LAND . .

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beautiful but cold and empty church buildings, all in the midst of an almost completely heathen and unreached populace who know nothing of the living Christ thus commemorated, these are the first shocking impressions. We come away with a new conviction of the evils of idolatry and a new appreciation of our freedom to come boldly before the throne of grace, simply in the merits of Christ our Lord.

#### Closer to God?

Jesus once said: "The hour cometh, when we shall neither in this mountain, nor yet in Jerusalem, worship the Father. . . . The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Many of the tourists who tramp over the sacred places never meet God at all, they merely see so many at-

tractions. Nothing happens inside, they have no sense of the personal presence of God.

But it need not be so. For one who prepares his mind and his heart for such a trip by study; then approach the holy places with an open Bible and open heart, it can be a tremendous spiritual experience, one to be remembered and cherished all the rest of his life.

You won't find God in the Holy Land, but you can take Him with you when you go, and He will make the visit precious and rewarding. ▼



# CAMPUS IN PICTORIAL

## GRACE COLLEGE AND SEMINARY



Rev. Roy Hamman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mishawaka, Indiana, college convocation speaker on September 16, with President Hoyt.



Dr. Kenneth Kantzer, dean of Trinity Divinity School of Chicago, seminary convocation speaker on September 17, with Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., dean of seminary.



Young ladies of the college serve refreshments at the Faculty Reception at the Winona Hotel on September 18. Left to right, they are: Elaine Barlow, Nancy Orndorf, Dee Anna Caldwell, Susan Lanning, Susan Clouse and Charlotte Ryner.



The Grace College Retreat was held at Lake Wawasee on September 19. Retreat was for recreation, devotions, and "get-acquainted." Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., was the devotional speaker.



The Young Republicans Club of Grace College is an active group. On College Registration Day the "Young Republicans" served coffee and fruit drink to the students. Left to right, Stan Jensen and Terry Auker.



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# HERALD



Foreign Missions and WMC Issue

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*Lord, Teach Me to Hate!*

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# DEBT OR CHARITY --WHICH?

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

COVER PHOTO



The home of missionaries Max and Elaine Brenneman in Caparra Heights is also the home of the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Puerto Rico. (Photo from the Brennemens)

"I am debtor" is the declaration in Romans 1:14 by the one who in Romans 1:1 referred to himself as "Paul a servant [slave] of Jesus Christ."

In contrast to this, I should like to present the attitude which I refer to as the modern attitude of "charity" illustrated best by the poor blind man seated at a street intersection, or near the door of a prominent department store, offering pencils for sale. Most folk who purchase a pencil do not want the pencil necessarily, but think of it as a gift to charity. They flip a coin into the upturned hat or tiny pan, and walk away with the feeling of a job well done. I am thinking of our whole foreign missionary program, and in light of these two illustrations I am asking the question, "Debt or charity—which?" May I ask the question fairly and honestly: "Where does foreign missions stand in our program of Christian responsibility?"

*Grudgingly*—Sometimes people give to foreign missions, but give grudgingly. They would not actually confess to the grudging attitude—it may only be evidenced by a feeling of hesitation. But we need to remember that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver, one who gives "not grudgingly."

*Gladly*—There are those who give gladly, but with not too great a sacrifice. They give only in small amounts, never in such a way as to affect the economy of their home or household. They know the teaching of the Word—that which is done should be done gladly and cheerfully—and they do it that way, but in such small amounts that there is no sacrifice. We need to remember that the Lord would not have lands or gold to stand between us and fully presented lives.

*Orderly*—Some give to foreign missions when all other needs have been supplied. They would say they do it "in order," caring first for their own household, their own church, their own community, and then if there is anything left they give to foreign missions. I do not understand all of God's economy, but I have seen through the years that those individuals and those churches who put foreign-mission giving first in their program have abundance for the other needs of life.

*Emotionally*—Some give to foreign missions only when they are under emotional stress, and they have been deeply moved by a foreign-mission speaker, or a foreign-mission story or illustration. This, of course, is good as far as it goes, but it can never fully care for the program of responsibility that we have to a lost world.

*Habitually*—Some give to foreign missions because they are in the habit of giving and, because others are doing it, they are swept along with the current. They are not opposed to foreign missions—they are mildly in favor of it, but they have no vigorous conviction that they should spend and be spent for Jesus Christ.

*Obediently*—There are those who give to foreign missions out of the sense of utter obedience to the teaching of the Word of God. They are not too greatly thrilled with what is being accomplished; they are not too greatly moved by the fact that men and women without Jesus Christ are lost eternally. But, because they have made their lives to be lives of obedience, they follow obediently in the matter of foreign-mission giving. Some giving is accomplished by this motive, but great joy is not the result of it.

*As Debtor to Christ!* If we have a clear view of that which the Great Apostle had in mind when he said, "I am debtor," we will have all that is good in all of the motives for Christian giving mentioned above, and we will also have the thrilling joy of having done the will of God and of having done it to His glory. Debt? Yes, but debt with joy! We will have joy in the privilege of doing for Jesus Christ in appreciation and thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. We will realize that one of the very best ways to show our appreciation and thanksgiving to Jesus Christ is to help tell others the wonderful story of Jesus and His love—and do it all for Jesus' sake. ▼

**"A time  
to love,  
and a  
time to  
hate..."  
(Eccles. 3:8)**

**"L**ORD, teach me to hate."

Some accuse the fundamentalists of having this prayer answered too often. Some claim that if there is a disagreement among the Bible-loving people, they will hate and attack each other until they are permanently separated from each other. These people are said to love their Bibles, but to detest their brothers in Christ who differ from them in theological opinions. There is probably some merit in these accusations. But this prayer is a valid one.

The Lord Jesus Christ displayed His wrath on occasion. He seemed to lash out particularly against hypocrisy and heresy. Had anyone in history ever deplored the sacerdotal-

ism and errors of the Pharisees more than Jesus Christ yet; He lovingly took men from this sect into His church. Two examples of this are Nicodemus and the Apostle Paul. Jesus certainly disapproved of robbing the poor and thereby gaining riches from this type of livelihood. But, two of His most devoted followers were ex-robbers, the Apostle Matthew and Zaccheus. These men experienced the tender, gracious call of the Lord. Could Jesus demonstrate His love more than by saving and guiding them? Absolutely not. Jesus knew how to hate, but He seemed always to mingle His love with His wrath.

There is definitely a time to display displeasure. Paul admonishes the Christian in Ephesians 4:26: "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath" (ASV). How many sunsets darken the angry life of many a Christian? It is very easy to become angry, but it is very difficult to refrain from sinning in this shocking state. When some Christians take a definite stand on an issue, they seem to put on a coat of pride, which is sin. They seem to expel all love and understanding from their stand. Rather, they give the tenacious impression: "You better not say anything against me, or else I will give you back a double

dose of whatever you give me." The black rule is put into practice here. Do unto others (with a double portion) as they do unto you.

Once a missionary was in a Catholic country to win the people to Christ. Every time he had an opportunity to witness he would expose the hidden sins of the Catholic church. He attacked the church in the presence of some of its members with a vengeful vehemence that was second to none. After a few weeks he wondered why the Catholics were rather unfriendly and hateful toward him. Then one day a Catholic man explained: "Ever since you have been here you have showed nothing but hatred toward our beloved church. Yet you say you love us for Christ's sake. How can this be?" This missionary decided he would try to exhibit love and an understanding attitude toward the Catholics. It was amazing how many friends and opportunities to witness he gained. He even had friends among some of the Catholic priests. But his firm conviction against the Church of Rome did not change one bit. This missionary prayed: "Lord, teach me to hate."

The disciples of Christ saw Him pray often during a day. By the wonderful example of Jesus, they correctly concluded that they greatly lacked a prayer life like that of Jesus. They went to Him and said: "Lord, teach us to pray." Naturally, the Lord heeded their request and taught them to pray.

A Christian may read in the Gospels of the hatred of Jesus toward sin, though He loved the sinners, and will realize his own lack of knowing how to hate as Jesus did. It is then that the Christian will want humbly to ask Jesus: "Lord, teach me to hate." Lord, teach me to hate as You did when You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem in anger and sinned not. Yet, Lord, You wept bitterly for Jerusalem. Lord, teach me to hate like the time You sternly rebuked Peter for his devilish ideas. Yet, Lord, You asked Peter: "Do you love Me?" Lord, teach me to hate as You hated the Devil in Your betrayer, Judas. Yet, Lord, You lovingly invited him to come unto You.

"Lord, teach me to hate." ▼

# LORD, TEACH ME TO HATE

By Rev. Phil Guereña





"Aunt Sara" (Siccardi) Diaz, director of the children's program in the radio ministry.

By Rev. Lynn D. Schrock

GOD HAS GIVEN GREAT BLESSING

AS MISSIONARIES AND NATIONALS

WORK TOGETHER

## *Broadcasting the Gospel in Argentina*

Tape recorders, records, tapes, record players, mixers, transformers, microphones, radio stations, personnel—and generous cooperation from those who read these lines—make up the radio ministry in Argentina. Yes, all this—and God's blessing as His message of salvation goes out to hundreds (or thousands) of listeners each day of the week except Sunday.

Through letters we have written from time to time, some of you are well informed as to the radio work here, whereas others may not be on the "in" as yet. But we desire and need so much that each one know all he can in order to pray and help in every possible way.

### *A Short History*

Eight years ago, on June 11, 1955 (a Saturday), the

Brethren Church "went on the air" with its first radio broadcast in Argentina. This first broadcast went out from the Rio Cuarto station, which at that time was a three and one-half-kilowatt station. Not long after that we added another broadcast for the general public, and another especially directed to the children with "Aunt Sara" telling stories and with music by children of our Mission. All of this was on the Rio Cuarto station.

But it was not long before we started a couple more broadcasts a week on a Buenos Aires station—a rather small one of five kilowatts.

Thus the broadcasts continued with very little change for several years. Then we were able to see a dream come true, for we got time on a Cordoba station. We

regret to say that it is only a five-minute broadcast, and just once a week. But it is something, and it is *free*. This is our only broadcast that is free; it is on the Cordoba University station and is considered a cultural program. A petition: pray that we may get another free broadcast on this station.

Then there was another "dream," I was going to say. However, we had hardly even dared to dream about this, as it seemed so big. But our Lord is able to do "exceeding abundantly." And that is what He has done as to the most recent progress in our radio ministry in this land. He has given us time on one of the biggest stations in Argentina—Radio Belgrano of Buenos Aires, going out on 100 kilowatts in both long and short wave. This station has practically nationwide coverage, and we have received letters from two or three neighboring countries as well.

### ***The Present Situation***

The pictures accompanying this article tell the story quite well. We handle our programs by tapes, recording them in our home here in Cordoba, and then sending them to the three stations. The voice of Eduardo Coria, a recent graduate of our Bible Institute, is heard on the broadcasts for the general public. He pastors the church in Tancacha, but loves to do radio work, and we are glad for his cooperation. You see him with his wife, Nora, and their little son, Pablo.

At times Eduardo writes the broadcasts as well. But Miss Haydee Zanetti, a member of the Tancacha church, has been helping in this, too. She and Eduardo are able to work together on the preparation of the programs, and then Eduardo travels to Cordoba to record once or twice a month.

Mrs. Sara Diaz is "Aunt Sara" on our program for children. Her husband is pastor of the Rio Tercero congregation, and Sara herself is a graduate of our Bible Institute. She, too, travels to Cordoba about once a month to record her programs.

Since we must write up the entire broadcast and have it in the hands of the radio station before the program can go on the air, there is a big job of typing to be done. Norman Galli, also of the Tancacha congregation, has been helping in this.

### ***The Response***

Approximately 170 to 180 letters come to us each month from our listeners. Of these about 140 result from the three five-minute broadcasts on the Buenos Aires station. The New Testament offer on our broadcasts explains this response—we send out a New Testament to each listener who writes. Brother Don Bishop and the young people of the Buenos Aires district have been giving valuable cooperation in this.

We do desire so much to have a follow-up ministry and are working on it at the present time. We plan further contact with each listener by mail, offering literature and a correspondence course to each who will accept.

This ministry by radio permits us to enter with the



Top picture: Equipment for preparing tapes; Second: Eduardo Coria; Third: The Coria family; Fourth: Haydee Zanetti.

Gospel into hundreds of homes that possibly would be closed or never reached otherwise. We thank each one of you for your fellowship in this ministry. Continue to pray and give that the Word may go forth and be prospered in many lives. ▼



## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

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### *Julio and Joanna*

These two first graders go to our Christian day school in Icoaraci, Brazil. A small part of the students in our schools are from families who are not believers.

In Icoaraci nearly all of the children from non-church homes, such as Julio and Joanna, are Japanese. The Japanese in that area provide the missionaries with nearly all of their vegetables and eggs. They are industrious people in the tropics as in other areas of the world.

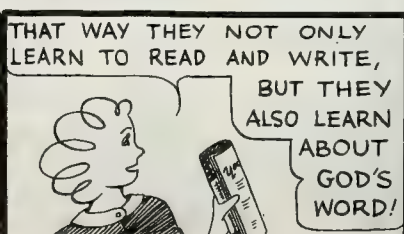
Pray that Julio and Joanna, as well as the other boys and girls in our Christian day schools, will become Christians.

### *Knowing Your Missionaries*

Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock have served the Lord in Argentina since 1945. They now live in Cordoba where they have established a church. Mr. Schrock is in charge of our radio work in Argentina. Their children, Norman and Becky (twins) and Mark, have been real "missionary helpers" to their parents.



#### MARY MISSIONARY—





Pastor Hilton Martins, Jimmy Zielasko, and one of the broken windows.

## *"All Things Work Together"--Even* **VANDALISM IN CAPANEMA**

*By Rev. John W. Zielasko*

The pastor of our Brethren church in Capanema, Brazil, is a young man named Hilton Martins. One day, in front of the Capanema market, Hilton was engaged in selling Bibles. A city official came to him and announced that he was forbidden to sell Bibles. Since Pastor Martins was not sure of his position before the law, he went home to read up on the Brazilian law and the distribution of Bibles. He found that he was within his rights and that no one can forbid the sale of Bibles in Brazil.

Armed with the law of the land, along with his faith in the Lord, Pastor Martins returned to the market and once again began selling Bibles. Again, the official came, this

time with an order from the mayor prohibiting the sale of Bibles. But knowing the law, Hilton stood his ground and advised the official that he was within his rights. Then the official lost his head and stated that the law had no value, that the mayor's word was the law in Capanema and that he was ordering the Bibles to be taken away.

At that point the spectators began to take sides, and a clerk in the local bank, who had overheard the remark of the city official, wanted to have him arrested on the grounds that he despised the Brazilian law. Soon the report was all over town that the mayor was forbidding the sale of Bibles and had even sent the chief of police to enforce his will! Feeling began to run high on both sides of the issue and during the week rocks were thrown at the church, breaking several windows. Neighbors testified that the vandals were grown men.

One of the city councilmen, who is of the same religion as the mayor,

called a special meeting of the city council. He told the mayor in no uncertain terms that what he was doing was a shame to their city, and that instead of hindering the sale of God's Word he should do all he could to aid the cultural advance of the city.

An official of the railroad talked to the pastor and told him to set up his Bible table a few feet from the railroad tracks. He advised Hilton that the land for five yards on either side of the tracks belonged to the state and the mayor could not forbid him from selling Bibles there.

The pastor and the believers in Capanema did not fight and did not lose their tempers through all this, but maintained a good testimony. Now, not only do they have a license from the mayor to sell Bibles and Christian literature, but they also have one of the best spots at the market to display the books. Added to this, interest has been aroused as to the content of a Book that the mayor would prohibit. ▼



# I Like the PERSONAL



*By Rev. Tom Julien*

"God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's provision." Thus wrote Hudson Taylor at a time in his life when he was grappling with the problem of missionary support.

Not everyone would agree with all of his conclusions, nor can every missionary society be patterned after the one which he founded. Unfortunately, the conception that many Christians have of the "faith life" is quite shallow—it consists simply of trying to pattern one's life after another, rather than following the principles of God's Word.

But though God's Spirit does not lead all Christians to employ the same methods, few could disagree with Hudson Taylor's statement. If God's work is done in God's way, will not God provide?

It is my conviction that the personal support plan for missionaries being instituted by the Foreign Missionary Society bears the marks of doing God's work in God's way, and that His blessing will be experienced in a tangible way when the plan is put into effect.

Why do I feel this way?

In the first place, because this plan honors God. If we are missionaries, it is because God has sent us. The Great Commission begins and ends with Christ. His Spirit is the Administrator of all missionary work, and He it is who endues us with the gifts and the power to fulfill His will.

To be sure, He uses human agencies—our churches, our National Fellowship, our missionary society. Yet, our first allegiance is to Him, and our complete dependence must be upon Him.

There is always a temptation to overlook this. I am sure that all of us missionaries forget at times that it is God who supplies the funds, and not the mission board. When we do not get what we think we ought to have, how quick we are to blame the board, ignoring the fact that God's work, done in God's way, never lacks His supply.

The new plan honors God because it helps us, I believe, to see in truer perspective our relationships to God and to the mission board. It will, I trust, instill within us a deeper reliance upon Him. As we pray, and as God answers our prayers, there will be a renewed as-

# SUPPORT PLAN

surance that God is providing, and that therefore God is directing. Will not this add authority to our ministry?

Secondly, I like the personal support plan because it puts the local church in its place of importance. In the New Testament, the local church is central to God's missionary plan. The first missionaries established their converts into churches. These churches in turn sent out other missionaries to found new churches. Missions can only be successful when there are strong local churches, fully aware of their importance in the producing, sending, and supporting of missionaries.

We read of no missionary societies in the New Testament; each church was its own society. The modern missionary societies came into existence not only because of the complications of modern missionary work, but also because the church as a whole had lost her vision. To be sure, these societies are necessary; our Brethren work would collapse were it not for the Foreign Missionary Society. Yet, there is always the danger for the local church to wash its hands of personal responsibility by "hiring" the mission board to do its missionary work, thus escaping personal involvement.

By giving to *missionaries*, rather than to a *missionary society*, local churches will be helped to assume their responsibility. They will realize that missionary societies were created to help the churches, and not the contrary.

In the third place, this plan appeals to me because it should be of great help to the missionary society itself.

Those in positions of authority in the Society shoulder a heavy load—they are responsible for nearly one hundred missionaries on seven fields. Few realize all this entails.

I am sure that nearly every day as they open their mail they are faced with this dilemma—the requests for funds exceed the receipts from gifts.

To them, therefore, there are but two solutions: either turn down the requests for funds, thus curtailing missionary outreach, or else borrow money, hoping it will be made up by future gifts. As is evident, neither solution is satisfactory.

As the program expands, the financial squeeze becomes tighter, until a saturation point is reached. Gifts

insufficient; continuing borrowing unwise. No new projects approved; no new missionaries sent. Result, creeping paralysis, internal difficulties. Missions survives only by expansion.

As more churches begin giving to missionaries instead of to a board, the faithful men who direct our Society will be relieved of much of this financial pressure. The Society will be enabled to play its true role—that of a clearing house between church and missionary.

Finally, I am in favor of the plan because of the advantages it offers to the missionary.

It is true that the missionary must depend upon his home churches for financial support. But this is far from being the whole picture. The real vitality of missionary activity is found in the interest and prayers of those who hold the ropes at home.

It is only normal that we become interested in those we support financially. Our prayers logically follow our gifts. Very few churches can sustain the same personal interest in missions by giving to a board than they can by giving to people.

Most of us missionaries do not yet know which churches will be supporting us under the new plan. But we do know that our future contacts with those churches will be much more intimate than they are now. And we know, as well, that as their interest grows in us as individuals, their interest will grow also in the great work of missions generally.

Not everyone will be in favor of the new support plan, and all have the right to their personal convictions. There will be abuses: some missionaries will be tempted to rely upon their abilities, rather than upon God, to supply their needs; some churches will be guided more by the personal appeal of missionaries than by God's Spirit. Let us remember, however, that this plan is not born by choice—it is born of necessity. Let us not judge this plan by possible abuses, but by its inherent merits. And above all, let us look with complete dependence upon Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. ▼



# ALONE?

Not

Really!

By  
Mrs.  
Lora  
Scheerer

It started one night last summer—I awakened from sleep sometime during the night or early morning. I saw a shadow or form standing at the foot of my bed. I lay still as if I was listening for the form to speak. I remember so well—I wasn't even frightened. And then I heard the form saying: "It won't be very long. Are you ready?" Then the form vanished, and I lay beside my sleeping husband pondering over what I had heard. Somehow I felt it was Christ speaking to me. I didn't speak to anyone of my experience, but the following days and nights I searched my heart for an answer—ready for what? Meeting my Lord face to face in heaven? Death of one of my loved ones? or my father or mother, or mother-in-law? Then the other words kept coming back: "It won't be very long." What could it all mean? I searched my life and spent much time in meditation, prayer, and Bible reading.

During this time another strange thing happened to us. A complete stranger stopped at our door one evening to sell us a cemetery plot. We were busy at the time so my husband made an appointment to have the man call back. I had asked my husband to wait before he had settled anything so that we might decide together. Much to my disappointment (at the time) when I arrived home from work, he had already decided. I, of course, fussed a little, but on driving to see the plot decided it would be fine.

Later on in the fall I went through an illness, and while having a short stay in the hospital I was led to think we should have our pictures taken (my husband and I, that is) by a photographer and surprise our four children at Christmas. After all, we were getting old and anything could happen, I reasoned with my husband, who went along with the idea rather reluctantly and later on was glad he did.

And then it happened. January 15, 1963 came—another day just like so many other days—a day off for my husband (who worked at the American Red Cross). He had taken me to my work in the morning at the Lutheran Hospital. With a kiss and a cheery goodbye we parted, and then about 11:30 word came that I was to go to the Parkview Hospital as my husband was there. One of the nurses and my co-worker was assigned to drive me there. For some unknown reason (to me then) I wasn't nervous or even anxious as we started out. I remarked as we drove along: "I know he had a cold, I wonder why they had to take him to the hospital. Are you sure they didn't say Mrs. Sebring?" And always the answer came back: "No; they didn't say." As we drove to the emergency parking area a very strange feeling came over me (I know now my Lord was preparing me for what was ahead). As we reached the door to the emergency room I turned to my nurse friend and asked: "You haven't told me all, have you? Dick is gone, isn't he?" And she answered: "Yes, dear, he is gone." Somehow we were inside and talking to the police who had brought him to the hospital. I asked if it was a heart attack, and then learned he had run into a train and was killed instantly. Of course, I was numb with shock and grief. They held me up and guided me into a little lobby where I could sit and get control again. I was telling the police that Dick was in heaven because he knew the Lord as his personal Saviour, and then it happened again—the same form was there with His blessed arms around me holding me up and giving me the peace and comfort I so badly needed, and I knew it was Jesus my Lord. I didn't think about the experience that I had had in the summer until much later. In fact, months later, but it is all coming clear to me now: "It won't be very long. Are you ready?" No; we are never ready to give up the one we love so very much, but Christ was ready for my Dick. During the dark hours and days following the death of my husband, I have felt my Lord's comforting form and presence so many times. There are times when I think I cannot go on, but there He is helping me over the rough places. He says in John 14:18: "I will not leave you comfortless."

Let us therefore act like believers

Live like Christians so that we can die like Christians  
with songs and rejoicing.

For those we love are with the Lord

We believe, and the Lord has promised to be with us,  
Never to leave us nor forsake us

"Behold I am with you alway."

Well, if they are with Him,

And He is with us

They cannot be far away.

(from "To Live Again" by Catherine Marshall) ▼





# How God Answered Prayer

By Mrs. Bruce Baker  
Wyckoff, New Jersey

"How much rent do you pay? My husband did not immediately answer the two real estate appraisers who asked this question, but instead asked them if they would reveal what they thought we paid. One responded quickly with an estimate that was \$60 off. However, after some discussion the two men agreed on an estimate that was \$110 more per month than what we pay. When my husband informed them the amount we pay, they asked: "Whom do you know?" He replied, "The Lord." They listened attentively as he told them how God answered our prayers. Let me share with you my testimony of God's faithfulness.

During the eight months that my husband had the privilege of serving as interim pastor of the First Brethren Church in Philadelphia, we made many trips to the metropolitan New York area. We were engaged in our deputation ministry for Christian Service Brigade and looking for housing. Many Christian friends were faithfully praying with us for these needs to be supplied. We shared our need with a Christian realtor. He told us that it would be a miracle if we found a house for rent at the recommended scale of one week's pay for a month's rent. We prayed for this miracle—a house with three bedrooms, an office, and a yard for our then two and now three sons.

As the day approached for us to begin Brigade work full time, we did not have any prospects for a house. We had checked out scores of possibilities, but without success. I was confident that the Lord was leading us to serve Him in this area, and that He had a house for us. But my faith certainly was tested and doubts would come at times. Perhaps we should have taken that small second floor apartment. The rent for

it was only \$25 more than what we were advised to pay. Or I would ask myself if we were praying for our actual needs or our wants.

In spite of my limited faith, He proved faithful. On the last trip to this area before moving, we were told about this house. It has seven rooms, a basement, an attic, and a big yard. The rent was exactly what we were advised to pay. This was the Lord's provision, His answer to prayer.

After two and one-half years our house was sold to the Bergen County Park Commission. We were told that

we would have to move within six months. We prayed again and diligently began a search. After several months we concluded that we were wasting our time in seeking, so we waited on the Lord to give another miracle. He did. We were told that we were allowed to remain in our present home on the same rental basis as before. Once again the Lord had proved to me that He cares for His own.

"All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

### AFRICA—

Mrs. Albert W. Balzer	January 1
Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Dr. Harold A. Mason	January 1
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
David Bruce Hocking	January 15, 1957
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Joyce Ann Mason	January 16, 1960
B.P. 36, Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. Martin M. Garber	January 22
Bossangoa via Bangui, Central African Republic	
Mrs. Minnie Kennedy	January 28
B.P. 13, Bozoum via Bangui, Central African Republic	

### ARGENTINA—

James Andrew Marshall	January 3, 1959
Circumscripcion 4, Seccion 4, Manzana 9, Casa 6, Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina, S. A.	
Charles Loren Churchill	January 7, 1951
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.	

### MEXICO—

Leandra Marie Edmiston	January 15, 1947
519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A.	

### PUERTO RICO—

John Stephen Dickson	January 1, 1955
Box 1103, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico	

### IN THE UNITED STATES—

Lynn Arthur Hoyt	January 3, 1948
Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana	
Ivan Wayne Hoyt	January 5, 1958
Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.	
Mrs. Austin Robbins	January 9
63—16th Street, Avalon, New Jersey	
Arthur Allen Burk	January 10, 1954
11259 Pope Avenue, Lynwood, California	
Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy, Sr.	January 27
Box 104, Winona Lake, Indiana	



## MRS. SIBLEY EDMISTON

1963-1964

WMC BIRTHDAY

MISSIONARY



### Across the Border to Missionary Service

By Mrs. Don Wardell

When the National WMC made its decision at National Conference time about which missionary ladies the group would support in 1963-64, one of those selected was among the missionaries present at the conference. This one was Mrs. Sibley (Willettta) Edmiston from the Brethren work in Mexico. The Brethren missionaries to Mexico "take turns" in attending the annual National Conference so that one of the families is present each year, and this was the Edmiston's year to make the trip.

How could the conference congregation have helped but marvel at the fine-looking Edmiston family—father, mother, and all seven of their children—as they appeared on the platform to sing a song in Spanish. And as Mrs. Edmiston spoke to a WMC session and told of their work, those who heard were made aware that this Christian, missionary mother was surely one who had found the Lord's best for her life.

Willettta Edmiston says that as far back as she remembers, she always went to Sunday school and church. She was just six when she accepted Christ as her own Saviour during a Sunday morning service. That was

in Long Beach, California, where she was born and grew up.

Living in the same neighborhood in Long Beach was a certain boy on whom Willettta's mind seemed to dwell even during her elementary school days. He was a Christian, too, but he went to a different church—the Brethren church at Fifth and Cherry. When he moved away from the neighborhood, it didn't make Willettta too sad—for Sibley's married brother moved into the family's former home and so Sibley came back to visit occasionally.

By the time Willettta was a senior in high school—just a month before her graduation, in fact—Sibley was drafted into the Army; that was during World War II. Then she found that instead of getting glimpses of him once or twice a year, she began to receive letters every week!

Willettta (she's "Willie" to her family and friends) entered a Christian college—Westmont. "My two years there were a tremendous blessing to me," she says.

Then: "In November of 1945 my ship came in from Italy, and on January 22, 1946 I received my MRS degree as Mrs. Sibley Marvin Ed-

miston. I also became a member of The Brethren Church about this time."

In the months just preceding their marriage, Sib had worked in a shipyard. Working with Mexicans gave him the desire to learn their language. This he did by means of records from the public library and listening to Spanish programs on the radio. When he learned of the spiritual need of the Spanish-speaking people, it constituted a clear call to missionary service. Willie herself had studied Spanish in high school and college, although she says that not until she was actually in the land of Mexico did she realize the spiritual darkness and great need for the Gospel.

In writing of the birthplaces of the Edmiston children, one almost tells the story of the family's residences and activities. "Leandra, sixteen, and Linda, fifteen, were born in Long Beach" (Sib was attending Biola). "Dick, fourteen, was born while we were in Taos, New Mexico" (helping in the Brethren work). "Daniel, eleven, joined us in Winona Lake" (Grace Seminary days). "Duane, eight, joined us in Laredo, Texas" (they began a work on their own

## Tribute



### To Mrs. Ted Henning

We'd like to say a word of thanks  
To one who's been so faithful  
In serving as National Patroness  
As long as she was able.

We think she's done an excellent job  
With five years of hard work.  
We're thankful for her foresight,  
No problem did she shirk.

She helped us do an about-face  
When materials needed changing.  
She was right there through thick and thin  
Supervising the bandage making.

Both WMC and SMM

Salute you, Mrs. Henning.

We'll remember all you've done,  
And pray God's choicest blessing.



## Introduction

### To Mrs. Ralph Hall

Because there is a close connection between SMM and WMC, we take great pleasure in introducing to the WMC ladies Mrs. Ralph Hall, new SMM national patroness. She replaces Mrs. Ted Henning who has served faithfully in this capacity for the past five years. Mrs. Hall accepted this tremendous task only because she was convinced it was the Lord's leading, and every WMC woman is urged to pray daily for her.

Betty Hall is the wife of the Home Missions Council architect Rev. Ralph Hall; and the mother of Nancy, fourteen years and Stephen, eleven years. She is very active in the Winona Lake Brethren Church and has had district and national WMC and SMM responsibilities.

there after Sib's seminary graduation, and a year or so later they joined the Brethren staff of missionaries to Mexico). "Just before entering the interior of Mexico, we returned to California where Lorraine, six, was born. Then Douglas, four, completed our number in Guanajuato, Mexico." After living and working far down in Mexico for several years, they returned to the border area. Since 1960 they have been living in San Ysidro, California, working with the Walter Haags in the border ministry carried on from that point.

"I'll have to admit that the family

takes most of my time," says this busy mother, "but on the other hand they are a big help in the work, too." Yet, "I teach a group of boys in Sunday school in our mission point in Jardin, and work on Saturdays twice a month with SMM girls," besides other activities. Leandra and Linda, the older girls, especially, are proficient in Spanish, and of tremendous assistance in their parents' work.

Two of Willetta Edmiston's sisters are also very active in Brethren work. Her sister Miss Alberta Hanson is director of Christian education at the North Long Beach Brethren

Church (the Edmiston's are members of that church, too), and another sister, Edisene, is Mrs. John Whitcomb, wife of a Grace Seminary professor.

"Someone has said that a missionary and a penny are alike because they are both one sent (one cent). So whether it is across the ocean, or across the border, or across the street that we are sent, we want to be faithful in answering the call to missionary service." This is Mrs. Edmiston's message to others who would, like her, seek the Lord's best in life.



## WMC News

**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT.** The Mid-Atlantic District WMC held its rally at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 1963. In the front of the church, a basket of fall flowers and several beautiful scrolls reminded us how wonderful it is to be "His Own."

About one hundred ladies enjoyed the blessings of Christian fellowship, prayer, and doing the business of the Lord.

Our project for this rally was to furnish a room in the dorm at Grace College and the goal was approximately \$682. We received \$520.29. We feel the Lord would have us complete this project, so a fellowship rally is planned for March with the hope that we can finish furnishing the room.

Some of the highlights of National Conference were given by the district SMM patroness, Mrs. Shirey, and by our WMC president, Mrs. James Dixon.

We have been publishing a district newspaper. We had asked the ladies to submit a name for this. Mrs. Warren Tamkin, the editor, presented an Amplified New Testament to Mrs. Rock for submitting the name, "Council Quotes."

Even though we have had only one

program in the new WMC year, it was a real blessing to our hearts and lives. We thank the Lord for the part our district has had in compiling these lessons. In the afternoon, our programs were introduced. Mrs. James Dixon, the author of the Bible Studies made us to feel that the Scriptures were alive. We, too, if we study the lesson thoroughly, and put ourselves into them, can make others know that the Bible is alive. These studies are also evangelistic, and should be able to strengthen each life. Each portion of the program was introduced, but I could not begin to share the blessings of each one.

Workshops were held for different phases of WMC work so that we might go back to our churches and try to have better councils in each church and to glorify our Lord.

The ladies who kept their programs will be reminded again and again as they look at the beautifully colored leaves on the front of the folder of the love of God—the One who calls us "His Own."

Mrs. L. S. Shingleton, district secy.

**TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.** The combined Little Sister and Junior SMM girls and their mothers were the special guests of the WMC at their regular meeting in September. The SMM girls were requested to

bring cancelled postage stamps as a project—to be sent to Grace College to help them with their missions project. By complying with the request, the girls got to participate in a treasure hunt. The treasure chest contained a tract for each girl and lady present on the second coming of Christ, and a Christian book for each SMM girl, and a plaque. Each girl also received a money gift to help in her SMM work.

The SMM girls sang their theme song, "Keep Looking Up" as their special number. They were each challenged by the devotional message brought by Mrs. Evan Adams, formerly of the Brethren Navajo Mission. There were twenty-two WMC ladies and guests present, plus seven SMM girls and one visitor. A total of thirty people were present.

**PALMYRA, PA.** The Women's Missionary Council of the Grace Brethren Church held a family night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cassel. After the social time with plenty of food to eat, Rev. Russell Weber, of the new Manheim church, brought the devotional message. Eighty-five people, including Mrs. Russell Weber who was brought to the meeting from the Lancaster hospital, attended and enjoyed the evening activities. (See photo below.)

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Pictured from the left. Rev. Russell Weber, Mrs. Earl Haas, Mrs. George Supplee, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. Earl Cassel, Mrs. Tom Theal all members of the missionary council, and Mr. George Supplee. (Photo by Allen Zook)



# Serving My Master

For we are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus unto  
good works, which God hath  
before ordained that we  
should walk in them. Ephe-  
sians 2:10.

## SERVING MY MASTER . . . BY MY DAILY LIVING

BY MRS. JAKE KLIEVER

How much longer must I take this? The endless buzzing of mosquitoes, the patter of the rain on the metal roof, and the ceaseless drip, drip of water coming through the leaky roof, the constant blating of goats and barking of dogs, the ever-present crying of babies and children all about us, and the talking and yelling of the Africans as they passed by.

Why must every vendor stop at our door and try to sell anything from carved ebony and ivory trinkets to caterpillars when we barely had enough money to buy necessities?

Next my own two children were getting more impatient and quarrelsome as the days dragged by. To top it all off, we found that we had picked up a bug on the river boat coming from Bangui to Brazzaville, so to add to all the other discomforts we had dysentery.

Here we were, four of us plus the myriads of mosquitoes, in a tiny little room barely big enough for two, waiting for boat passage to America.

Waiting, at best, is not a pleasant occupation, and waiting in these conditions and circumstances was waiting at its worst. What made it worse was that we did not know how long we might have to wait, and there were no other rooms to be had because the town was full of people waiting just like we were.

I hate to admit it, but after about six weeks of this waiting I became discouraged. The time came when I

thought that I simply could not take another day of it. A terrible mood possessed me. The room became smaller than ever, the mosquitoes bigger, the rain wetter, and everybody and everything more disagreeable! I guess my husband thought so, too, because he took the children and went for a walk leaving me to my mood.

No word from our fellow-missionaries, no letters from loved ones or friends in America, all alone in this strange city, no friend, nothing to



Mrs. Kliever

do, nothing to see. In the midst of this reverie a song came drifting into the room: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." I could not see the person, and he will never know that he was singing for my special benefit that morning.

The strength of a song! It lifted me out of myself and into God's Word to the very verses that I had chosen as my graduation verses from Bible Institute. Again I read John 15:5: "Without me ye can do noth-

ing," and I coupled with it the verse in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." How many times these verses had helped me over the hard places in the past seven years, and again the truth of them became strength for me. Matthew 28:18-20 again became very precious. Jesus said: "All power is given unto me . . . go ye . . . Lo, I am with you always."

Everything changed, but mostly I changed. The truth of these verses really gripped me. The all-powerful One empowered me to overcome myself and the circumstances I was in. Through this experience He prepared me for the even more difficult situations that we were to face before we reached America.

A normal Christian life will have its discouragements, temptations, and doubts, but there need not be defeat. Be a consistent Christian; live your life daily according to God's Word, read and study the Bible, pray much, be a "regular" at the worship and prayer services of your church. If you are asked to render some service, do it with your whole heart gladly. This is normal Christian living. It will not be without its trials because the Lord does not use untried materials in His service. This kind of living will make it possible for the Holy Spirit to show you truths in the Scriptures. They have always been there, but it may take some experience to make you learn their truth and power in your own life. ▼



# My First Year at National Conference

Conference week was a very busy one,  
There were many, many meetings, but still time for fun.

We arrived there on Sunday at just about seven,  
For the hours that we drove were almost eleven.

Our eyes were very tired from the all night drive,  
So to church we went and were really revived.

On Sunday and Monday was our Sunday-school convention.  
At these meetings we learned more than I have time to mention.

There were "How-to" sessions, and workshops, too;  
At these meetings were leaders who studied and knew.

Harold Etling, director of our Sunday School Board,  
Was right there on hand to give out awards.

Our conference got started on Monday night,  
With our moderator, Mark Malles, giving a message just right.

In the mornings there were WMC meetings from 8:30 to 10:00  
I don't know much about these meetings, for I didn't attend.

The laymen had their meetings at the very same time.  
If I know the men, their meetings were fine.

We had SMM meetings every day.  
Being our fiftieth year, there was much to say.

The old Missionary Residence we went to see  
Was enjoyed by all, especially me.

The SMM tea was the highlight of the week.  
The speakers we heard were simply a treat.

Allen Zook was there with his camera in hand;  
I know the pictures he took will just be grand.

Every night of the week was a Challenge Hour.  
At those meetings we heard from the near and the far.

There were missionaries there from the East and the West,  
Even Simon-Pierre, our own African guest.

The message Simon-Pierre brought  
Was a challenge to every heart.

All week long the Youth were competing,  
For Saturday night was their big meeting.

Solos, duets, and trios—they all did their best.  
Even the quiz teams showed all their zest.

The questions were asked, they rose to their feet.  
"Yea," yelled the cheer leaders,  
"Northern Atlantic can't be beat."

The program was over, so ended the week.  
The blessings received we will always keep.

Then into the car, we started to roam,  
For 600 miles is a long way from home.

We made our trip, and I praise my Lord  
For bringing us home safely in my little Ford.

*Conference report written by Patty Stull, Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa.*

## Prayer Requests

1. Pray for your BYF, its effectiveness and leaders.

2. Audibly, and in your heart, praise God for specific answers to prayer.

3. Ask God to lead you into a life of normal and continuous victory, which is possible for all of God's children.

Pray for Mrs. Kliever, missionary to Africa, that her life may continue to show forth the victory of Christ in her.

5. Continue to pray for your national officers that in spite of housework and schoolwork there will always be time to do the work necessary in these offices.

### WANTED!

Your news items for the *Missionary Herald* are wanted. Send to your national editor.

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### SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

#### Bible Study:

"The SMM girl . . . is obedient like Mary, the mother of Jesus"

Junior—Mrs. Lester Smitley  
Middler—Mrs. S. C. Grubb  
Senior—Mrs. John Neely

#### Mission Study:

"Serving my Master . . . by daily living"  
Mrs. Jake Kliever

#### Memory Verses:

Col. 3:20  
Heb. 13:17

# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY that the family goals set by our home-mission pastors may be reached in the year ahead.

PRAY that the Brethren construction crew may get the Lancaster (Pa.) building under roof before winter.

PRAY for the Missionary Rally of home and foreign missions being held this week (Nov. 10-17) in the Mid-Atlantic district.

PRAY for our present home mission churches in need of pastors at this time.

PRAISE God for the new addition to the Albuquerque church, and pray for the dedication of the new church building at Vandalia, Ohio, early next month.

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY that the missionary conference beginning on the campus November 18 may make a vital impact upon both student bodies.

PRAISE God for the good response on the two High School Days held on November 1 and 8, and pray that among the high-school students present those of God's own choosing will come to Grace College.

PRAY that the effects of the recent day of prayer in the college and seminary may linger on.

PRAY for the early completion, furnishing, and financing of the new dormitory building and dining hall.

PRAY for a minimum of disciplinary difficulty as the year progresses.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAY for the Lord's blessing on the African General Conference which will be held during November.

PRAISE God for the results of the literature distribution campaign in France, and pray for the follow-up of these contacts.

PRAY that the Lord will lead in the lives of those graduating from the Bible Institute in Argentina this

month, and pray that they will definitely know His leading.

PRAISE the Lord for His blessings in Puerto Rico and for the growth of our testimonies there.

PRAY for the three island pastors in Brazil—Benjamin, Arthur, and Trinity—as they lead their people and reach out to other areas with the Gospel.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAY for our evangelists, Bob Collitt and Ron Thompson as they are engaged in a heavy fall schedule of meetings in many of our churches. Pray that the Lord will grant a great harvest of souls in each campaign.

PRAY for journeying mercies for our evangelists as they travel over the miles for their various meetings.

## LAYMEN

PRAY for the officers of the local laymen's organization.

PRAY that our laymen will support the work of the National Fellowship of Brethren laymen with their gifts.

PRAISE God for all who have felt the burden of completing the Scholarship Fund this year.

PRAY for increased zeal in soul-winning among our men.

PRAISE God for the reviving of several dormant laymen groups.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY for the conservation of all new members won during our recent enlargement campaign.

PRAY for continual effort of reaching more in every Brethren Sunday school.

PRAY for sufficient consecrated teachers and workers to do effective work in every Sunday school.

PRAY for continued financial support of the National Sunday School Board.

## SMM

PRAY for the new SMM's started

in our new home-mission churches.

PRAY for all our SMM girls in college and away from home.

PRAY that each girl will give more to our SMM offerings, and that she will honor Him with her tithe.

PRAY that each girl will strive to meet her goals.

## WMC

PRAY that each WMC lady will endeavor to get at least one new member for WMC this year.

PRAY that each WMC lady will read her Bible *every day*.

PRAY that every church family will have Family Altar in the home, and let each child have a part.

PRAY that each council will endeavor to make their meetings interesting so that the ladies will receive a blessing from attending.

PRAY that each WMC lady will make it a goal to encourage someone to attend the monthly 15th Day of Prayer, also the weekly prayer meeting of the church.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAY for five who recently gave their lives to the Lord for full-time service.

PRAY for the ministry of Ken Sanders in his workshops with youth leaders and young people.

PRAY for the ministry of the Youth Evangelism Team.

PRAISE the Lord for the selection of our national camp site—one hundred acres with private lake—only nine miles from Winona Lake.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE God for the encouragement He has given the editorial staff in the acceptance of the colored bi-weekly issues of the *Missionary Herald* by our fellowship.

PRAY that the Lord will give wisdom in improving the work with the printed page, that the articles sent in will be heart-searching and prove fruitful in the lives of staff and readers.

PRAY for the ministry of the Bookstore in the dissemination of Christian literature that the Lord will use the printed page to enlighten the saints and save the lost.



# CHURCH NEWS

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**NOTICE:** The next issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* will be the *Brethren Annual*. It will be dated Nov. 16, 1963.

**KITTANNING, PA.** Ralph Burns, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., held evangelistic meetings at the North Buffalo Brethren Church during Oct. 14-27. Fred Walter, pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Prof. and Mrs. Alva Steffler announce the birth of Suzanne Moine born on Sept. 27. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. Al Steffler is art instructor at Grace College. Rev. and Mrs. William Steffler of the Suburban Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa., are the paternal grandparents.

**CHICO, CALIF.** Arthur Pekarek submitted his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church to become effective Nov. 30. He plans to begin services Dec. 1 at the new pioneer work in Grass Valley, Calif. At the present time, a Bible class is being conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Card, 46 Cedar Ave., every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTICE:** The Gospel Light Brethren second grade Sunday-school quarterlies are being revised for the January-March quarter. Secretaries will need to order new teachers' and students' books. Sunday school orders for next quarter should be mailed to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* no later than Nov. 15. This will assure that your materials will arrive on time, prior to the start of the quarter and ahead of the holiday mail rush.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Brethren missionary speakers at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 13 were Dr. Orville Jobson, Miss Lois Miller, and

Edmund Leech. James Sweeton is pastor.

**SUNNYSIDE, WASH.** Dr. Glenn O'Neal, So. Calif.-Ariz. district secy., held special meetings at the First Brethren Church during Oct. 20-27. He was also the special speaker at the dedication of the First Brethren educational unit on Oct. 27. H. Leslie Moore, pastor.

**MODESTO, CALIF.** Alfred Dodds resigned the pastorate of Community Grace Brethren Church, and accepted the call to pastor the First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif., effective Oct. 1, 1963.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Robert Hill resigned as pastor of the Los Altos Brethren Church, effective Dec. 31, 1963. He will be teaching Missions at Biola College, La Mirada, Calif.

**STERLING, OHIO.** On Labor Day, 42 members and friends of the First Brethren Church painted the church, cleaned the interior of the church and parsonage, and moved their new pastor into the parsonage.



A fellowship meal was prepared by the women of the church. On Sept. 15, following the evening service, the congregation gave a surprise food shower for the pastor and his wife. Robert Combs is the new pastor.

**PALMYRA, PA.** Edward Lewis tendered his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Sept. 22. He has accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

**FORT MYERS, FLA.** The proposed name of the newest Brethren testimony in Florida is the Grace Brethren Church of Fort Myers. Services were begun on Sept. 9 and are being held in the pastor's home, 2137 Burton Ave., Fort Myers, Fla.

This location is in a new housing area called "The Villas" and is four miles south of the city. The attendance recorded for the first three Sundays at the new work were: 15, 8, and 17. Visiting Brethren are encouraged to fellowship with this new group. Bernard Schneider, pastor.

**LISTIE, PA.** Max DeArmey, pastor of the Listie Brethren Church, has geared his Sunday evening worship hour to the theme of "Citizenship." A very special service has been planned around this theme each Sunday evening. This has resulted in marked improvement in attendance and interest.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, Forrest Jackson, pastor, broke their previous Sunday school records on Oct. 6 with 460 in attendance.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** The Patterson Park Brethren Church, Nathan Casement, pastor, established an all-time record in Sunday school on Oct. 6 with 381 in attendance.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Archie Lynn tendered his resignation as pastor of Cherry Valley Brethren Church. The effective date is indefinite.

**ALTO, MICH.** The Calvary Brethren Church, Charles Flowers, pastor, celebrated Harvest Sunday on Oct. 13. Larry Gegner, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Trotwood, Ohio, was the guest speaker. The special harvest offering was designated for the parsonage debt.

**WINONA, MINN.** Rev. and Mrs. Quentin Matthes announce the

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1962 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Herbert Bess, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Donald Bishop, Argentina  
Edward Bowman, Winona Lake, Ind.  
William Steffler, Hatboro, Pa.  
Alva Steffler, Winona Lake, Ind.  
Sheldon Snyder, Hopewell, Pa.



birth of Deborah born on Oct. 9. Brother Matthes is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Dr. Douglas B. MacCorkle, president of the Philadelphia College of Bible, was the guest speaker on Sunday Oct. 5 at all services of the Third Brethren Church, Robert Kern, pastor.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** The First Brethren Church, Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary during Oct. 20-27. During those fifty years, this church gave \$485,707 to Brethren Foreign Missions, \$240,419 to Brethren Home Missions (since 1939), and \$179,437 to Grace Theological Seminary.

**WASHINGTON, PA.** Edmund Leech, Brethren missionary to Hawaii, was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 6. Shimer Darr is pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Dr. Harold H. Etling, director of the Sunday School Board of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, was re-elected president of the National Sunday School Association. This will begin his second year as president of the NSSA. Over 5,000 delegates, representing 99 denominations attended the NSSA Convention held at Buffalo, N. Y. during Oct. 2-4.

**BUFFALO, N. Y.** The 18th Annual National Sunday School Convention held here Oct. 2-4, came to a close with the unexpected announcement by Pres. Harold Etling that Dr. Clate Risley, exec. secy. of NSSA, has resigned his post after eleven years of service to become effective Dec. 31, 1963. Dr. Risley has announced no plans for the immediate future.

**WARSAW, IND.** Evangelist Bill Smith conducted revival meetings at the Warsaw Community Brethren Church during Sept. 22-29. There were four first-time decisions and four rededications recorded during these special services. The average attendance was 158.

**HARRAH, WASH.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Schilperoort, of the Harrah Brethren Church, who celebrated their golden

anniversary on Sept. 22. W. Carl Miller is pastor.

**SAN DIEGO, CALIF.** The Grace Brethren Church reports that Albert Flory, the first pastor of this church and now principal of a Christian high school in Whittier, was the guest speaker at the homecoming service on Oct. 6. Henry Dalke is pastor.

**NASHVILLE, TENN.** Dr. L. L. Grubb, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the guest speaker at the Fourteenth Annual Missionary Conference of the Free Will Baptist Home Missions, which was held at Bible College Chapel during Oct. 7-8.

**ANKENYTOWN, OHIO.** Howard Snively was ordained to the Christian ministry at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 18, where he is now pastor. He is a 1962 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary. Wes-



Howard Snively

ley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio, delivered the ordination message. Other ministers who participated in the ordination service were: Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, and Robert Holmes, pastor of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, Wesley Haller, pastor, set a new Sunday-school record attendance of 301 on Oct. 6. Pastor Haller was guest speaker at the homecoming day service at his former pastorate, the First Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio, on Oct. 13.

**ANAHEIM, CALIF.** Attendance records were broken on Oct. 6 when the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Grace Brethren Church was observed with 215 in Sunday school, 175 in the worship service,

and 123 in the evening service. Forrest Lance is pastor.

**JEFFERSON CENTER, PA.** Ronald Jurke, a former assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., was installed as pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church here on Sept. 27. William Schaffer and H. Don Rough participated in the services.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Dale Henry resigned as assistant pastor of the North Long Beach Brethren Church, effective Nov. 1.

**NOTICE:** The itineration schedule for Leo Polman of the Brethren Financial Planning Service is: Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., Nov. 2-6; First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., Nov. 10-17; Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 1-4; Grace Brethren Church, Pompano Beach, Fla., Dec. 8-11; and the Grace Brethren Church, Margate, Fla., Dec. 15-18.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Dr. and Mrs. Alva J. McClain wish to express their deep appreciation to the many Christian friends who sent cards and prayed faithfully during his recent illness. The surgery was completely successful, though recovery has been somewhat prolonged.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** Ralph Hall, architect with the Brethren Home Missions Council, presented a challenge of building home-mission churches on Oct. 2 at the Grace Brethren Church. James Dixon, pastor.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Jack Peters, pastor of Calvary Brethren Church, reports that approximately 80 decisions were made in the Hagerstown Crusade for Christ during Sept. 15-27. Bob Collitt was the evangelist; Don Ogden, Sharon Auxt, and Terry White were the musicians.

**SUNNYSIDE, WASH.** Pastor H. Leslie Moore of the First Brethren Church here reports 39 decisions for the Lord in the month of September. Of this number, six were first-time decisions. On Tuesday mornings before school begins the youth of the church meet at the church for prayer meetings. Once each month a prayer



breakfast and a devotional by an outside speaker is featured at their meetings.

**GLENDAL, CALIF.** There were four saved, four baptized, and four received into the membership of the First Brethren Church on Oct. 6. Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Rev. Charles H. Ashman received a unanimous call to serve the Winona Lake Brethren Church for his second year at the business meeting Oct. 16.

**LEEESBURG, IND.** Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech, Brethren missionaries to Hawaii, were the guest speakers in the Leesburg Brethren Church, Sept. 29. Chet Kammerer, Grace College basketball star, showed pictures of his trip to the Orient with the Venture for Victory team in the evening service. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

**ELKHART, IND.** The Grace Brethren Church in a special congregational meeting Sept. 25 voted

(1) to purchase a folding machine for the church office; (2) to reserve the present church lots for church expansion and off-street parking; (3) to purchase two additional adjacent lots for a future new parsonage site; (4) to purchase the rental house used for the past four years by the pastor and family; and (5) to call Jerry Young, president of the seminary student body, as part-time assistant to the pastor.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Smith, Pine Manor Subdivision, R.R. 5, Box 611, Fort Myers, Fla.

**ALTOONA, PA.** Ten decisions were made at First Brethren Church in the revival meeting under the ministry of Evangelist Ron Thompson. Ralph Burns, pastor.

**GRANTSVILLE, MD.** Wm. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., reports that the Allegheny and East district ministers met on Sept. 16-18 for a prayer retreat here.



A blessed time of spiritual refreshment and fellowship was appreciated by the ministers. Two papers were read, "How To Prepare Sermons" by True Hunt, and "How Not To Prepare Sermons" by Wm. H. Schaffer.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Prof. and Mrs. R. Wayne Snider happily announce the birth of their second child, Jacqueline Lea, on Oct. 18. She weighed 7 lb. and 13 oz. Mr. Snider is professor of History at Grace College.

**JOHNSTOWN, PA.** Ted Fairchild has terminated his ministry as assistant to the pastor of First Brethren Church as of Sept. 29. Mr. Fairchild has enrolled at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, Ill. The Second Annual Missionary Conference was held Oct. 13-20, at First Brethren Church with the following missionaries participating: Dr. Orville Jobson, Rev. and Mrs. George Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech, Dr. Austin Robbins, Miss Lois Ringler, and Miss Lois Miller. James Sweeton, pastor.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** Rev. John Burns received a call to serve as pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church for another three-year period.

**WARSAW, IND.** Warren Tamkin has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., to accept the unanimous call to become pastor of the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church.

**DAYTON, OHIO.** Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., will be the anniversary day speaker Nov. 3 at the North Riverdale Brethren Church. Herb Hoover will be the guest soloist. Richard Burch, pastor.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BURDICK, Miss Doris M.**, a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Anaheim, Calif., entered into the presence of her Lord on Oct. 7.

—Forrest Lance, pastor.

**KOLB, Lewis S.**, a charter member of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was suddenly called home to be with his Lord on Sept. 26. He served this church 52 years, and at the time of his death he was senior deacon, steward, and a teacher in the Sunday school.

—Robert Kern, pastor.

**CRAM, Edith Pearl**, lifelong member of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, went to be with her Lord Sept. 28.

—Robert Whited, pastor.

**CORNER, Mrs. Irene**, a faithful member of Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind., was fatally injured in an automobile accident on Oct. 6.

—Gordon Bracker, pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 30 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Wooster, Ohio	Nov. 1-3	Kenneth Ashman	R. Wayne Snider
Washington, D. C.	Nov. 3-8	W. A. Ogden	R. I. Humbert
Covington, Va.	Nov. 3-10	Mason Cooper	Scott Weaver
Waterloo, Iowa	Nov. 7-10	John Aeby	John Whitcomb
Sidney, Ind.	Nov. 10-17	A. Rollin Sandy	Bob Collitt
Geistown, Pa.	Nov. 10-17	Randall Poyner	Bill Smith
New Troy, Mich.	Nov. 12-24	Gerald Kelley	John Aeby
Berne, Ind.	Nov. 17-24	Kenneth Russell	Wesley Haller
Buena Vista, Va.	Nov. 20-Dec. 1	Chas. Thornton	Bob Collitt
Kokomo, Ind.	Nov. 24-30	Robert Burns	James Boyer
Dayton, Ohio	Nov. 24-Dec. 1	Nathan Casement	Bill Smith



# *An Almost Forgotten Evangelical Scholar . . .*

**SOREN KIERKEGAARD 1813-1855**

**By Rev. Robert E. A. Miller**

*Pastor, First Brethren Church  
Glendale, California*

Few, if any of our evangelical leaders today, recognize and accept the 19th century Danish theologian to be an evangelical at heart. The month of May 1963, marked the 150th anniversary of Kierkegaard's birth and serves to remind us that the "mad Dane" left his mark upon the theological world in the short span of his forty-two years. Modern students of historical systems of theology are amazed at his prodigious work—the many deep and profound literary, theological, philosophical, psychological, devotional, and polemical works.

And yet "he was one of the most neglected theological geniuses who has ever lived," recently observed by Dr. George E. Ladd, professor of biblical theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena. "Although his thinking is now foundational for almost all modern theological discussion, he lived and worked and died in comparative obscurity."

"It's time evangelicals accepted him as one of their own," declared Dr. Vernon C. Grounds in a recent address commemorating the "rebel theologian of the nineteenth century." Dr. Grounds is president of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Denver. "It is high time today

for us evangelicals to acknowledge Soren Kierkegaard fraternally as a confessor of our faith. It is high time for us to claim him gratefully as a champion of our faith, and we should heed him as a critic of it."

Many scholars agree today that no theologian of his time has had a more profound and continuing influence in contemporary European and even American theology than Kierkegaard. It was he who with penetrating wit and sarcasm thrust aside the inadequacies of a formal "head religion" that neglected the heart thrust and commitment to Christ. He sounded a clarion call to the church of his day that the only worthwhile Christianity was that which was vital to the individual. He was the exponent of the direct personal encounter between God and the individual, a bold contrast to the highly organized institutional state religion.

Despite such difficulties as Kierkegaard's ideas which sometimes were afield from what evangelicals could accept, of his exaggerations and overstatements, he still stands "within the mainstream of evangelicalism," insists Dr. Grounds. It is highly significant that Kierkegaard accepted the entire Bible as the Word of God,

"no matter how far it may exceed the limits of our logic." He accepted literally the miracle of the incarnation, affirming that because "God is love," He must pursue man into the depths of sin and become the equal of man, for love "desires equality with the beloved, not in jest merely, but in earnestness and truth."

Plagued with ill-health, Kierkegaard was a near recluse. But in spite of his subnormal physical status, his spiritual and intellectual prowess has earned the gratitude of those who today appreciate his unparalleled contributions to our Christian concepts. He refused to classify Christianity as a mere species of the genus faith. "He considers the Gospel, and the experience it produces, unique." He initiated a bold attack upon an intellectualized, rationalized, depersonalized belief, reducing Christianity to a matter of dialectic, a philosophical affair that involves no existential commitment. He passionately advocates a trust which inspires the believer to respond with his whole life. He was strongly aware that faith has ontological and historical foundations, although his stress on subjectivity, in Karl Barth's opinion, risks begetting "a warped and diminished Christianity."

Evangelicals are deeply grateful for his unqualified acceptance of the miracles, particularly those of the incarnation and resurrection of Christ. It is deeply satisfying that his philosophy reinforces the need of decision for the individual, and denies the possibility of creating faith by any human proofs. Dr. Grounds admits that "he neglects the source and impregnable basis of faith—the witness of the Holy Spirit." But he does suggest that this may be the point at which Kierkegaard inspired other theologians to take up his work which had reached this impasse.

Perhaps we can see the continuity of his influence in the increasing wave of emphasis on the personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the genuine ministry of the Holy Spirit. May we also sense the danger of becoming inoculated with the virus of deadly institutional organization in the name of Christianity. Let us learn the lesson the young Dane did almost 150 years ago. ▼





# A SAVIOUR AND HIS PROVISION

Of all the sacred songs of David, Psalm 23 is by far the most famous. Innumerable children have memorized this exquisite literary jewel. Adults have yet to fathom its depths. Children and adults have gleaned from this "Pearl of the Psalms" that those who come to God by faith are desperately loved by God, and that God's intent for them is to provide their daily needs.

People around this terrestrial sphere have found great encouragement and comforting consolation for this sacred song. All that we need to meet our emotional needs, as children of God, is found in these priceless verses. These six verses uniquely unveil the loving heart of God and His great concern for the converted, for

those who are members of His family.

Psalm 22 is prophetic of the cross of Christ. In its first verse our ears ring with the wail of the Son of God to His Father when He bore our sins. Verse 6 and following demonstrate in prophetic eloquence the suffering of the Lamb of God. Then beginning with verse 20 and following we prophetically view the great miracle of the resurrection.

Psalm 23 is prophetic of past history to us—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Psalm 23 is prophetic of present history; that is, Psalm 23 has been brushed by God to present a portrait to the believer of God's daily care of, and provision for, the believer.

The Psalm actually presents five

figures—a shepherd, a guide, a fellow traveler, a host, and a guest. It is Dr. Scroggie of an English pulpit fame who suggests that the figure of the shepherd extends only through verse 2. In verses 3 and 4 we have the pictures of a guide and a fellow traveler. We encounter the figure of an host and a guest (vv. 5-6).

## ***The Great Shepherd***

No one really questions the identity of the shepherd. Our blessed Lord claimed to be that shepherd when He announced to anxious ears "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Also, many other Scriptures depict Jesus to be a shepherd of human sheep.



Notice the happy pronoun *my*. He is not *a* shepherd, but, praise God, He is *my* shepherd. How does one make Him their shepherd, and how may one become a member of His sheepfold? Allow Jesus to answer that searching question! He said: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.* How is it that we can know and follow? By allowing the good shepherd to give His life for us and to bring us into His fold.

*He leadeth me.* Sheep are not driven, they are led. Neither are humans driven, for they also are led. So many are the schools of thought that are leading men into their own philosophies. One-half of the world has been led into believing the lie of communism. Our next door neighbors, the Cubans, have succumbed. Central and South America are fast coming under its dominion.

The U.N. is a leader of men! Even though their guidance cannot be condoned as Christian or right; yet a great number of our fellow countrymen are being led by U.N. propaganda into believing that they are the hope of the world. Politicians are presently leading us into believing that to disarm our Nation and sign a peace treaty with the Kremlin is the only road to end the cold war and insure lasting national happiness. The religions of secularism and materialism are leading Americans down the primrosed path to ungodliness and national immorality and decay.

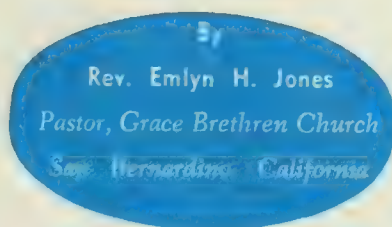
We might as well admit that we human beings are led, and how gracious it is of our God not only to save us, but also to provide for us a Shepherd who will never lead us astray. We have a Shepherd that loves us to the point of dying for us. Who are *you* following today? Some of my readers may be following their professor of philosophy who would with erudition declare Christianity outmoded and old fashioned. They may be following the example of an ungodly loved one who is leading them into an ungodly life. Some teenagers are being led by gang leaders who lead into lives of lawlessness, debauchery, and senseless sorrow. Some are doubtlessly being led by the adversary of our souls into spiritual inertness and inactivity. And then

there are those who seek God for leadership, who invited Jesus to be their personal shepherd. God add to this number!

### Guide and Fellow Traveler

Verse 3 tells of how our Lord Jesus Christ guides us into righteousness. You cannot be led of God and continue in sin. Being led of God is guidance into righteousness. The main reason God can guide us presently is because He has "restored our souls." What a beautiful way to express conversion!

Verse 4 takes the thought a bit further. Not only does He guide, He also accompanies. Remember, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee,"



said our Saviour. The "valley of the shadow of death" is no place to go unaccompanied. In that lonely, dreadful place there is no fear when Jesus walks with the believer.

There have been so many valleys for believers down through the history of the church. One could look at the blood-red Roman Colosseum, or to the Protestant massacre on All Saints Eve in France, or to the Spanish inquisition to name just a few. But whether the believer goes through the valley of death individually, or with a host of others, he can be assured of God traveling with him. What more could a believer ask for?

### Host and Guest

Verse 5 tells of that blessed moment in the future when our journey on earth shall end, and we are welcomed home to heaven. Beloved, we won't be there long before Jesus will prepare a table for us. The Book of The Revelation calls this time the "marriage supper of the Lamb." Think of it, being hosted by God!

I remember once of being hosted

by the richest person in our town of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. His home was large and beautifully decorated. He employed maids and men servants. While the butler was serving dinner, I was afraid of making a mistake and thus embarrass my host. It was a privilege to be in his presence and be invited to sit at his table.

Someday the believer will not only be hosted at God's table, but God the Son will also prepare the table. Surely on that day our cups will run over with the joy of His presence.

Verse 6 tells of that time when we take up residence in heaven. Our Lord said that He would go and prepare a place for us. When He takes the believer to heaven, it is then that he will begin to "dwell in the house of the Lord."

I appreciate so much the words "for ever." God's salvation is eternal in nature. What He gives shall never end.

"Temporary," "passing," and "momentary" seem to characterize our lives. Nothing endures and nothing goes with us into the grave; except our faith and trust in God. Only what He provides is eternal. Humbly do we thank Thee our great God for these present blessings of being shepherded, guided, and the joy of Thy presence as we travel. For the future joy of Thy table and dwelling with Thee we adore and praise Thee. ▼



"Since Reverend Owen's son joined us our outlook on life has changed."



# Youth Page

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Hocking, National

Youth Director

...of the Brethren Youth Council

## YOUTH WORKSHOPS

To enlarge your youth program and to gain "new and interesting ideas," we recommend to you that you plan a series of youth workshops in your church. Ken Sanders, our specialist in the field, is ready and willing to offer his helps and ideas to you. Here are some of the suggested fields of youth workshops:

- Junior High Youth
- Senior High Youth
- Socials for Youth
- Youth in the Church
- The Youth Director

1. Platform
2. Evaluation
3. Habits

- Music and Message
- Teen Publications
- BYF Follow-up

Emphasis on Missions  
Post-High Youth  
Ideas for BYF

Just drop a line to our office and request Ken's services. We are more than happy to help you in any way we can.

## NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE GROUNDS

The Lord has marvelously answered prayer in recent weeks concerning the purchase of a national youth conference grounds near Winona Lake, Indiana. This "dream" began some twenty-five years ago when Rev. Leo Polman "caught the vision" of a campgrounds for our young people across the country.

Next month you will see the full details on this national camp site with pictures of the camp and plans for the future. Continue to pray that God will open the doors of vision in the hearts of many people, that this much needed conference grounds will be provided.

Coming Soon!

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

January 26—February 2, 1964

THEME: "Ye shall Be Witnesses" (Acts 1:8)

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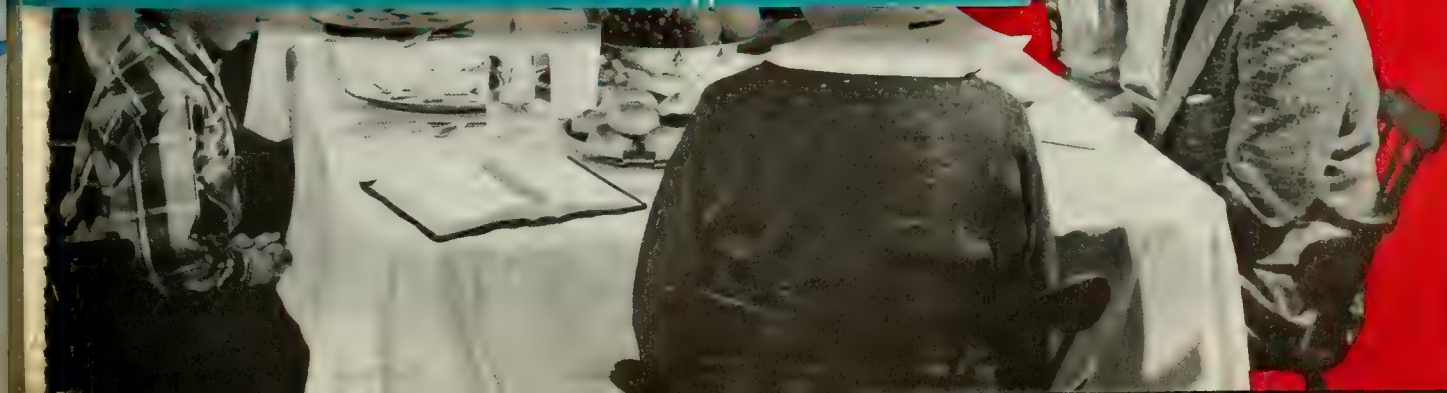
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# A SPIRIT OF DISCERNMENT

## MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

BY MARK E. MALLES

As one who has been under the influence of The Brethren Church from infancy, I count it in some respects the high point of my Christian experience to stand before you tonight in this opening session of the 74th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

I suppose a greater volume of prayer has been offered for this Conference than for any of our annual gatherings in many years. As we continue to call upon God for His blessing and guidance, let us put ourselves at His disposal for the answering of those prayers.

I believe a moderator's message is intended to give direction to the conference; to help set the pace for its spiritual tone and consequent actions. I have sought to give direction in three areas—

✓ The area of our current problem with the threat of division in our Fellowship.

✓ The area of various movements inspired by Satan which threaten the church at large, including our Fellowship.

✓ The area of our spiritual life, and the need of coming more definitely to the central purposes of Christian experience.

## INTRODUCTION—

A spirit of discernment is the heritage of every true Christian. Listen to the marvelous statement of Scripture: "It is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his

Spirit" (I Cor. 2:9-10). Verse 12 in the Phillips translation reads: "And the marvellous thing is this, that we now receive not the spirit of the world but the Spirit of God himself, so that we can actually understand something of God's generosity towards us."

In the first three chapters of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle compares **two wisdoms—that of man, and that of God.** The marvels of God's love and goodness are said to be foolishness to the natural man. No one can ever reach the goal of the knowledge of God along intellectual highways, the way of man's wisdom. Struggle as it may, the unaided human intellect can never grasp the realities of the unseen. The things of God are discerned only by means of a definite gift conferred through the indwelling Spirit of God. This gift of spiritual discernment is the heritage of every child of God, although some Christians, being carnal; that is, dominated by the flesh rather than by the Holy Spirit, are limited in its exercise.

True Biblical doctrine, and the principles of true Christian living, then, are not acceptable to the unsaved person, nor are they fully acceptable to the unspiritual, or carnal, Christian. They do not make sense to him, for only spiritual people can see spiritual things as Paul further points out in I Corinthians 2: 14-15: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth [discerns] all things."



The spiritual person; that is, the person who is yielded to God and thus under the control of the Holy Spirit, is given insight into spiritual things. Sharing the wisdom of God, he is able to grasp the meaning of the great movements of God.

I ask this conference of professed believers, indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God, and facing some of the most significant issues ever faced by such a body of believers, to consider the need of spiritual discernment in three realms:

1. Spiritual Discernment and Divisions
2. Spiritual Discernment and the Spirits
3. Spiritual Discernment and the Trends of the Day

### **SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT AND DIVISIONS**

The spiritual Christian because he is a discerning individual refrains from contentions and divisions that result simply in the mutilation of the church, which is the body of Christ. Listen to Paul again: "He that is spiritual [discerneth] all things . . . And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ . . . For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" (I Cor. 2:15—3:3.) The Corinthian church was torn with bitterness and contention. Disregarding the body of Christ, disregarding their witness and testimony, forgetting the primary purpose of their calling, they were allowing a carnal spirit to tear them asunder and break them into useless pieces. What may well have begun as a seemingly legitimate controversy had now degenerated into pitting leader against leader, some following Paul, some following Apollos, some Peter and, probably the most carnal of all, some saying: "We are the elite; we are of Christ." All the trouble in that church, all the strife, and

division, the pride, self-confidence, and sin was **the fruit of the rejection of the true wisdom, and the substitution of man's wisdom.**

What is it that God's wisdom saith to the discerning believer in this matter of divisions? Where the issues causing division have degenerated into a clash of personalities and a taking of sides behind leaders (and what major church strife is free from this element?) Paul speaks very clearly: "I have used myself and Apollos . . . as an illustration so that you might learn from what I have said about us **not to assess men above his value in God's sight, and may thus avoid the friction that comes from exalting one teacher against another**" (I Cor. 4:6, Phillips).

Both sides of a controversy may say, however, "This is not a personal clash; we have convictions; we have Biblical ground on which to stand." What wisdom of God shall the spiritual believer discern in such a situation? Let him hear the earnest appeal of God through His servant: "I therefore, prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3). Until the resources of this passage—the lowliness, the meekness, the long suffering, the loving forbearance, the earnest striving to maintain the unity of the Spirit—no other action dare be taken in a controversy between believers.

That we have a grave problem before us in the National Fellowship Brethren Churches only those who are ignorant of the issues would deny. Some of our churches have taken action that allows them to receive members who have not been baptized by trine immersion. Some fear that this Biblical and historically Brethren mode of baptism is therefore in jeopardy. Others fear that since the churches involved have

early indicated their intention to continue trine immersion as **the only form baptism to be practiced**, and that the problem has to do only with resolving as members those believers who feel that their former baptism by some other mode is sacred and fulfills the purpose of water baptism, they therefore are not violating the historical Brethren position.

These issues must be resolved. But how shall this be accomplished? By taking sides? By forming opposing battle-lines? By ultimate division? Surely each a method would be the application of worldly wisdom and not the use of spiritual discernment. It has been proposed that some favor division. I have not heard it, nor can I believe it. If it is so; if any of our people could be in favor of a breaking of fellowship as the solution to the problem, seems to me that they are like the mother of the dead baby in the familiar story of the wisdom of Solomon. In the morning, after one baby had been accidentally smothered during the night, both women laid claim to the baby. Solomon, with wisdom and spirit of discernment given by the Holy Spirit, called for a sword that he might discover true love. He ordered the living baby cut in two pieces that each woman might have half. The one who was not the mother of the child said: "Yes, this is the solution to the problem. Use the sword. Divide the child." But the other cried out: "No! You must not kill my baby; give her the child." Solomon recognized true motherhood and awarded the baby to this one who would spare the baby's life, even though the little one would not be given to her.

I am fully aware of the danger of cowardly compromise, and I hope God will always make me strong to stand for the truth whatever may be the cost. O brethren, in the issues before us, I am in all sincerity, I am not ready to tear asunder that which is dear to my

heart. And I cannot help suspecting self-centeredness in anyone who would without great effort avoid it, be satisfied with division.

If division is not the method to resolve our problem, then what is the answer? I have no unique solution to offer. But I say that we must be **willing to continue to work toward solution**. And I present the following recommendations to point out a possible pathway in the direction of solving the problem and bringing unity once again to our Fellowship.

I recommend first of all that this conference approve the report that was brought to last year's conference by the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers entitled, "Direction of the Solution." I make this recommendation because this report, adopted by the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers by a two-thirds majority, contains the following elements:

1. **It strongly re-affirms** the conviction that trine immersion is the Biblical form of Christian baptism, and provides that any minister or congregation within our fellowship who practices, or advocates the practice of, any other form of baptism be automatically dis-fellowshipped from the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and its conference.

2. **In the exercise of wisdom** it provides for a thorough study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry, which would certainly include a consideration of the Biblical requirements for **obtaining** and **sustaining** membership in the local church. It ought to be mentioned that since this report was adopted by the National Ministerium, that body is proceeding with this study through a committee made up of ministers from each of our fourteen districts, with Dr. Orville Jobson as the chairman.

3. **Demonstrating Christian grace**, it allows delegates from the churches where the problem has arisen to be



granted the courtesies of the national conference during the period of study, including the right to vote on all issues except the question of baptism in relation to church membership.

It is my opinion that this document indicates a great measure of spiritual discernment in an honest effort to come to a solution to our problem that will please the Lord, and that it ought, therefore, to be adopted by the conference.

But looking to the other side of the issue, I further recommend that this conference, having indicated its Christian good will by the above recommended action, request all churches of our Fellowship which have taken, or are considering taking, action removing trine immersion as a requirement for membership that they, for the sake of Christian unity, at least during the period of study, establish an associate-membership plan whereby they may provide for those Christians who are not at present willing to be re-baptized. The associate membership would provide an affiliation for these believers with whatever advantages the local congregation would determine, except that they would not vote in the business meetings of the church.

I beg the conference's Christian consideration of this twofold recommendation.

### **SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT AND THE SPIRITS**

First Corinthians 12:10 lists among the gifts of the Spirit to the church **the discerning of spirits**: "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom . . . To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another **discerning of spirits**" (I Cor. 12:7-8, 10). First John 4:1 and 3 shows us the gift put to practical use: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God . . . every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is

come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and is now already in the world."

This is an hour of new movement. The whole world is in a state of upheaval, and "world-visions" of all kinds are laying hold of social reformers, political schemers, and religious dreamers. We have reason to believe that many of the present-day movements which I have in mind, are energized by the spirit of Antichrist. Believers must use discernment lest they be swept along by an ever increasing current.

In Revelation 13 we have a full picture of the coming reign of Antichrist in two aspects—civil and religious. It is important to keep in mind that when Antichrist obtains the throne of world dominion, the conditions described in Scripture will not have come about in an instant, but will be the climactic result of previous workings of the spirit of Antichrist. "Little children," saith John, "It is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (John 2:18). The nearer we get to the Lord's return, the more we will find ourselves in the dark shadow of Antichrist. And we will be able to see the light of the Word of God increasingly in evidence of the characteristics of the day of terror. Let us consider very briefly several current movements:

1. Antichrist's reign will be primarily religious in nature. Revelation 13:4 indicates that all the world will worship him. That's right; God's Word reveals that in a coming day **the entire world will actually elevate a man to the position of God and will worship him**. Is there anything in our day that suggests this outrageous and preposterous situation? Brethren, let us discern the spirit of Antichrist energizing the natural man in his assumption of the validity of the theory of evolution which, when followed to its logical conclusion, elevates

to ultimate deification. The apex of the evolutionary philosophy which so completely dominates the thinking of the men of our day, and is instilled into our youth in the public schools—the apex of this philosophy is Antichrist, who shall exalt himself above the very God of heaven.

Spiritual discernment in this extremely serious matter will lead this conference to commend and encourage those of our number who have manifested courage and determination in spearheading the Christian school movement of our Fellowship, in the elementary, high school, and college levels, and to encourage a broader development of the movement as the only real answer to the spirit of Antichrist in this phase of his operations.

2. Under Antichrist's reign all religions will be united into one super-church which will, in fact, be so powerful for a time as to actually dominate Antichrist himself. We are in the shadow of this gigantic movement, living as we are in a day when unprecedented efforts are being made to effect a grand ecclesiastical amalgamation that will bring together all Protestant bodies, and then unite them with the Roman Catholic system. But let it be kept clearly in mind that whenever such ecclesiastical union is being accomplished, it is at the full cost of sound doctrine given by the Holy Spirit, and taught and contended for by the apostles and all holy men of their day. Let us therefore discern the true spirit of the ecumenical movement as the spirit of Antichrist, and continue to stand in opposition to it, realizing that eventually, and probably in the near future, this stand may bring into great reproach and perhaps even persecution.

3. At the present time the spirit of Antichrist is leading an all-out attack on the very source of Christian doctrine, the Holy Word of God. That the liberals have turned away from the Bible as the final authority on religious belief is a

fact known even by many of our Sunday-school boys and girls. But that an utter lack of discernment in this vital matter is evident among more and more evangelicals is a shocking fact. I quote from Dr. A. W. Tozer, a great man of God who has recently gone home to heaven. He wrote, "We have gotten accustomed to the blurred puffs of grey fog that pass for doctrine in modernistic churches and expect nothing better, but it is a cause for real alarm that the fog has begun of late to creep into many evangelical churches. From some previously unimpeachable sources are now coming vague statements consisting of a milky admixture of Scripture, science, and human sentiment that is true to none of its ingredients because each one works to cancel the others out.

"Certain of our evangelical brethren appear to be laboring under the impression that they are advanced thinkers because they are rethinking evolution and re-evaluating various Bible doctrines or even divine inspiration itself; but so far are they from being advanced thinkers that they are merely timid followers of modernism—fifty years behind the parade.

"Little by little evangelical Christians these days are being brainwashed. One evidence is that increasing numbers of them are becoming ashamed to be found unequivocally on the side of truth. They say they believe, but their beliefs have been so diluted as to be impossible of clear definition. (Let this conference, and especially its ministers, hear this final word of this man of God.)

**"Moral power has always accompanied definite beliefs. Great saints have always been dogmatic. We need right now a return to a gentle dogmatism that smiles while it stands stubborn and firm on the Word of God that liveth and abideth for ever."**

4. Consider one more matter concerning discernment and the spirits. Antichrist's strongest support will come from one who labors with him who is called



in Scripture, "the false prophet." In Revelation 13:11-18 the false prophet is seen counterfeiting the Holy Spirit. He it is who causes the inhabitants of the world to worship the Antichrist. Notice how he accomplishes this. He will do great wonders; he will bring fire down from heaven; he will deceive earth's inhabitants by means of miracles which Satan will enable him to do. He will be able to give life to an image of Antichrist and cause it to speak. Antichrist himself will experience a miraculous healing.

Get the significance of this scene: miraculous healing in the evil one on the throne; great and wonderful supernatural speech; great wonders in the sight of men; fire from heaven; supernatural miracles—all will be used by the false prophet to deceive the people of the world into giving allegiance to Antichrist.

A spirit of discernment will see the shadow of these things, and the preparation of men's hearts for these things in the sweeping interest which has suddenly developed in miraculous healing, speaking in tongues, and similar spectacular demonstrations. In some of the most unexpected places these things are springing up. **Being careful to allow for genuine movements of the Holy Spirit as He in His sovereignty sees fit to work**, let us discern the spirits, realizing that already there are many antichrists at work preparing for the revealing of the man of sin.

Let us encourage our people to exercise spiritual discernment against entanglement in these fleshly movements, to remember that the one need for the children of God at the time of the end is to know in all its fullness the meaning of the cross so as to wield it as the weapon of victory over Satan in all his varied attacks on the people of God. The Apostle John wrote: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11).

## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT AND TRENDS OF THE TIME

In Matthew, chapter 16, the Pharisees and Sadducees joined forces in their attack on the Son of God. At verse 2 Lord chides them on their efficiency as weather prophets, but their complete inability to discern the "signs of the times," or the trends of the day which they lived. "When it is evening," said Jesus, "ye say, It will be a fair day and a clear: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowry. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" These religious leaders were so occupied with their selves and their carefully guarded, narrowly restricted system that they were unable to discern God's movements in their day—they could not discern the signs of the times, the trends of the day.

Many of us are so preoccupied even with what we consider to be God's work that we have no eyes to see what God really wants to do through us. The capacity to discern and to fit in with God's plans has shown the true greatness of those men and women who have been specially used of God down the ages. Elijah, discerning the trend of the days, knew when he should leave the wilderness and stand before Ahab with his message of divine judgment. Philip knew when to leave the successful evangelistic campaign in Samaria for a personal encounter with a lost soul out in the desert. Paul, discerning the signs of the times, read aright the storm clouds gathering over the church in Ephesus, and warned the elders before he left the hand. George Whitfield saw that he had a plan for his own day for reaching the masses with the Gospel, and, so to speak, set his sails to catch the breeze of the Spirit. Hudson Taylor was alert to the divine urge that he knew when God's hour had struck for

ancing into the heart of China, and before he died he saw an army of 1,000 carrying the banner of the cross in that field. William Booth heard the call to carry the Gospel to the needy just at the moment when God was working to that end. James Gribble, alert to the spirit's moving, refused to be moved from the borders of the land of his burden as he waited through weary months for the doors to open with the result that today we have 150 Brethren congregations, and nearly as many baptized believers in Africa as we have in this country.

I have taken a few names at random. The list defies limitation. Do we as individuals and as a fellowship of churches discern the trends of the day; that is, the movement of God in the day in which we live? The shadows are lengthening. We live at a time in the world's history when man is casting off the remaining restraints, and when his pride is increasing in step with the rapid advances he is making in scientific achievement; but, beloved, we are still the day of God's grace, and Christ must be preached.

There is a great need in The Brethren Church of a spirit of discernment to be able to see what God wants us to do, and then to do it with all our hearts. The thing above all else is certain as the will of God—Christ must be exalted at all costs! The Rev. J. I. Tucker in a paper on "The Puritan View of Preaching the Gospel," asks: "How many, when preaching the Gospel, are consumed by the longing to magnify Christ?—to extol the richness, and freedom, and glory of His grace, and the perfection of His saving work? The cheap and perfunctory way in which the person of the Saviour is sometimes dealt with in modern evangelistic preaching poses the question upon us. Puritan Gospel preaching was concerned above all things to **honor Christ**; to show His love to needy men and women. It is much to be wished that we who preach

the Gospel in these days might recover the same overmastering concern to exalt this mighty Saviour."

There is a story in the Old Testament that well illustrates the tactics of the powers of darkness. The story, found in First Kings 22, is summed up in verse 31: "But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel." From the earliest days of the church the strategy of hell has been concentrated against the person of Christ. At all costs He must be hidden, His glory must be sullied. Hide Him in the haze of church organization and activity; hide Him in the promotional campaigns and behind the gimicks of success movements; hide Him in the dense fog of church controversy. In the latter day the Satanic attack on the Saviour will be intensified, and the church must concentrate all her powers to exalt Him, being on guard against the diversionary tactics of the enemy.

May the Spirit of God illuminate our minds that we might see this as a day of unprecedented opportunity and need for soul-winning at home and abroad. Too many of us have to see ourselves among the makers of daisy chains in the vision of Amy Carmichael, one of India's most heroic missionaries.

"The tom-toms thump straight on all night. And the darkness shuddered round me like a living, feeling thing. I could not go to sleep. So I lay awake and looked; and I saw, as it seemed, this:

"That I stood on a grassy sward and at my feet a precipice broke sheer down into infinite space. I looked but saw no bottom, only cloud shapes black and furiously coiled and great shadow-shrouded fallows and infathomable depths. Back I grew dizzy at the depth.

"Then I saw forms of people moving single file along the grass. They were making for the edge. There was a woman with a baby in her arms and another



little child holding on to her dress. She was on the very verge. Then I saw that she was blind. She lifted her foot for the next step—it trod air. She was over and the children with her. Oh, the cry as they went over!

"Then I saw more streams of people flowing from all parts. They were blind, stone blind; all made straight for the precipice edge. There were shrieks as they suddenly knew themselves falling, and a tossing up of helpless arms, catching, clutching at empty air. But some went over quietly and fell without a sound.

"Then I saw that along the edge there were sentries set at intervals. But the intervals were far too great; there were wide, unguarded gaps between. And over these gaps the people fell in their blindness, quite unwarned, and the green grass seemed blood red to me and the gulf yawned like the mouth of hell.

"Then I saw, like the picture of peace, a group of people under some trees with their backs turned toward the gulf. They were making daisy chains. Sometimes when a piercing shriek cut the quiet air and reached them it disturbed them, and they thought it a rather vulgar noise. And if one of their number started up and wanted to go and do something to help, then all the others would pull that one down. 'Why should you get so excited about it? You must wait for a definite call to go! You haven't finished your daisy chains yet. It would be really selfish,' they said 'to leave us to finish the work alone.'

"There was another group. It was made up of people whose great desire was to get more sentries; but they found very few wanted to go, and sometimes there were no sentries set for miles and miles of the edge.

"Once a girl stood alone in her place, waving the people back; but her mother and other relatives called, and reminded her that her furlough was due; she must not break the rules. Being tired and

needing a change she had to go and rest for awhile; but no one was sent to guard her gap, and over and over the people fell, like a waterfall of souls.

"Once a child caught at a tuft of grass that grew at the very brink of the gulf; it clung convulsively and it called but nobody seemed to hear. Then the roots of grass gave way, and with a cry the child went over, its two little hands still holding tight to the torn bunch of grass. And the little girl who longed to be back in her gap though she heard the little one cry and sprang up and wanted to go at once, they reproved her, reminding her that no one is necessary anywhere; the gap would be well taken care of, they knew, and then they sang a hymn.

"Then through the hymns came another sound like the pain of a million broken hearts wrung out in one flood, one drop, one sob. And a horror of great darkness was upon me, for I knew what it was—the Cry of the Blood.

"There thundered a voice, the voice of the Lord; and He said: 'What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground.'

"The tom-toms still beat heavily, the darkness still shuddered and shivered about me; I heard the yells of the devil-dancers, and the wild, weird shriek of the devil-possessed just outside the gates.

"What does it matter after all? It has gone on for years; it will go on for years. Why make such a fuss about it?

"God forgive us! God arouse us! Shame us out of our callousness! Shame us out of our sin!"

Brethren people must throw off the shackles of controversy, of carelessness of carnality, and, delivered from the worship of the material, give themselves as never before to making Christ known. As we pray together, work together, and study God's Word together this week; as we hear the reports and consider the needs of our various missionary and evangelistic agencies, we must catch a new vision of what God

ants to do through The Brethren church and send up a great cry to heaven to enable us to fulfill our mission. I hope we will make new personal resolves, and then reach back all of our affiliated congregations with a spirit of sacrificial dedication to the Lord and to the purpose of exalting His great name throughout the world.

As a pre-requisite to renewed evangelistic and missionary endeavor, we must see a new upsurge of holiness of life among our people. As one respected Christian writer has said: "Evangelical Christianity, at least in the United States, is now tragically below the New Testament standard. Worldliness is an accepted part of our way of life. Our religious mood is social instead of spiritual. We have lost the art of worship. We are not producing saints. Our models are successful businessmen, celebrated athletes, and theatrical personalities. We carry on our religious activities after the methods of the modern advertiser. Our homes have been turned into theaters. Our literature is shallow and our hymnody borders on crilege. And scarcely anyone seems to care . . ."

Brethren, we must not react as David in the time of his spiritual apostasy, when he was ready to slay the culprit, but was unwilling to see that he himself was the man. Rather let us lay out to God:

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray;  
See if there be some wicked way in me:  
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin:  
Fulfill Thy Word, and make me pure within;  
Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame:

Grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life, and make it wholly Thine:  
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine;  
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;  
I now surrender: Lord, in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee:  
Send a revival—start the work in me:  
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need:  
For blessing now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

## CONCLUSION

Spiritual discernment is one of the marks of maturity, and maturity is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life that is surrendered to Him. Hebrews 5:14 reads as follows: "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age [that is, those who are mature], even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Christian maturity develops with the constant exercise of the senses in discerning good from evil, right from wrong, truth from error, and in choosing the right. Discernment is needed in every part of the Christian life. It is a treasure of great price to be sought with an earnestness that will not be denied. May you and I become mature people in Christ, wise with the wisdom of God, understanding and sharing the purposes and burden of His own heart. Thus will our walk with Him be joyous, and the great name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified.



## DEVOTIONAL SESSIONS

### *Monday Evening, August 12*

Vice Moderator Russell Ogden led in the opening of the first devotional session of the 74th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Monday evening, August 12, Winona Lake, Indiana. Donald Ogden served as the song leader, directing in the singing of "Revive Us Again," and "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Music Director Ogden presented the conference choir, and directed them in the singing of "The Almighty, God of Creation."

The Scripture was taken from I Corinthians 2:1-16, and was read by Shimer Darr.

Following the evening prayer a beautiful special vocal number was given by Miss Elaine Long of De Moines, Iowa.

Moderator Mark Malles gave his message on "A Spirit of Discernment," pointing out that there is great need in these days to take our stand as Christians, and face up to the challenging issues at hand.

Following the singing of "Near the Cross," Vice Moderator Russell Ogden pronounced the benediction.

### *Tuesday Morning, August 13*

Donald Ogden led conference in singing of "At Calvary," and offered prayer to God for His blessing on this first morning devotional session. Following the singing of the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," there was the presentation of the first of a series of messages by Kenneth Teague on the theme, "Our Identification With Christ"

in Ephesians, the subject being "Our Position—What It Means To Be In Christ" (chap. 2).

### *Tuesday Evening, August 13*

The singing of the chorus, "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord," seemed an appropriate opening of the second evening devotional service. Song leader Don Ogden then led in the singing of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and closed in prayer. The conference choir presented a number, following which the ladies quartet sang. The Scripture John 14:15-27, was read by Sherwood Durkee.

The ladies quartet presented another number before the presentation of the Vice Moderator's message by Russell Ogden on the subject "Ministries of the Spirit."

### *Wednesday Morning, August 14*

Kenneth Teague continued the series of messages on the Book of Ephesians using the subject: "Our Possessions—What Things Are Ours in Christ" (chap. 3).

### *Wednesday Evening, August 14*

Following the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus the Moderator led in the opening prayer.

The following hymns were sung: "Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Jesus Saves," and a special number was given by the ladies quartet. Granville Tucker read I John 2:15, and led in prayer asking God's blessing on the work. There was the singing of three gosp

horuses and a special number by Miss Lois Ringler.

Simon-Pierre Nambozouina brought a very interesting and helpful message, with Robert Hill as interpreter. Mr. Hill was originally scheduled to speak at his service, but gave over his time in order that the conference might hear our African brother.

#### **Thursday Morning, August 15**

The opening hymn for the morning session was "Wonderful Jesus." Robert Burns led in prayer after which there was the singing of "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord," "Trust and Obey," and "Every Day With Jesus." Kenneth Teague dealt with chapter 1 of Ephesians, using the subject: **"Our Program — What Constitutes Our Worthy Walk!"**

#### **Thursday Evening, August 15**

Song leader Don Ogden directed in the singing of the hymn, "To God Be the Glory," and then led in the opening prayer. The choir sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and the ladies quartet presented a special number. Larry Gegner read Ephesians 1:17-30, and led in prayer. John Schuchacher sang a solo to prepare hearts for the message by Pastor Nate Casement on the subject: "Sins Against the Spirit." Following this service Grace Seminary and College presented the Denominational Challenge Hour.

#### **Friday Morning, August 16**

Before Kenneth Teague's message of the morning there was the singing of the hymn "What a Wonderful Saviour," prayer by Pastor Fred Walter, and a special vocal solo by Paul Schumacher. The message was on the subject: **"Our Program — What Constitutes Our Worthy Walk—Part II** (chap. 5 of Eph.).

#### **Friday Evening, August 16**

A musical package was presented in

which there was a congregational number, "Holy, Holy, Holy," by the choir, a solo by John Terrell, and two congregational numbers. Dr. Ogden led in the opening prayer. Following the second congregational number Robert Holmes read Romans 8:1-16, and led in prayer. Before the message there was a special vocal number by the ladies quartet. The message of the evening was by Jack Peters on the subject: "Led by the Spirit." Following this service there was the Foreign Missionary Society's presentation of the Denominational Challenge Hour.

#### **Saturday Morning, August 17**

The brief introductory portion to the Saturday morning service consisted of the congregational hymn, "Redeemed," prayer by Pastor Kenneth Koontz, and a trio number by members of the Des Moines (Iowa) church. Kenneth Teague presented the final message in his series on Ephesians, using the subject: **"Our Protection—the whole Armor of God."** This was a fitting conclusion to the fine messages that Pastor Teague brought in this series.

#### **Saturday Evening, August 17**

Using the general theme "ON CALL," the Brethren Youth Council presented one of the most challenging services of the entire conference. A capacity audience witnessed the presentation of the 1963 National Achievement Competition Winners featuring the Preacher Boy, Vocal Ensemble, Vocal Solo, Song Leader, Instrumental Solo, Instrumental Ensemble, and Piano Solo winners. Good music was interspersed in this great service which saw its climax in the final session of the NAC Championship Quiz. Exciting plans for the future were presented; Awards were presented to the various winners; and, even the offering was a blessing! All in all it was an evening of blessing and challenge.



### ***Sunday Morning, August 18***

The National Sunday School Board led out in the Sunday school hour with a well-planned program for each age group. Classes were well attended and interest was good. In the morning worship service Pastor Gene Witzky presented a fine message on the subject: "Walk Worthy of the Lord." A special feature of the morning service was the dedication of missionary candidates Gordon Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schwartz.

### ***Sunday Afternoon, August 18***

The Annual Missionary Conference

proved a blessing to those present. was sponsored jointly by Foreign and Home Missions with General Secretary Russell D. Barnard and Secretary L. J. Grubb in charge.

### ***Sunday Evening, August 18***

The concluding service of the 1960 National Conference proved to be a climactic service. Missionary W. Wayne Beaver gave a message that stirred and thrilled the hearts of his listeners. Praise be to our God for this and all of the sessions of the conference. It has indeed been a time of blessing in the Lord.

## BUSINESS SESSIONS

### FIRST SESSION, AUGUST 13

The first business session of the 74th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, assembled at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 12-18, 1963, was opened by the Moderator, Mark Malles. He opened with the reading of Galatians 5:16-26, and with prayer.

The Committee on Denominational Interests read the following statement with no action requested:

Our committee on Denominational Interests met Saturday, August 10, 1963. The entire committee was present. It was moved that we present to this conference that the same action taken at last year's conference be adopted: The Denominational Interests Committee by unanimous action of all members present, desires to recommend to this 1963 National Conference that any church which has not cooperated with the action taken by the 1960 National Conference with respect to the receiving of persons into the voting membership of a local congregation without the requirement of baptism by trine immersion, or, has violated the requirement of baptism by trine immersion for voting membership in a local congregation, be seated until this conference shall make full provision of the matter."

Dr. O. D. Jobson, chmn.  
W. A. Steffler, secy.  
Dr. Charles Ashman  
Richard DeArmedy  
Dr. Herman Koontz  
Dr. R. Paul Miller  
Dr. Glenn O'Neal  
Dr. Miles Taber

The Membership Committee reported 22 lay delegates and 200 ministerial delegates, for a first-day total of 582. These delegates were seated by vote of the conference.

Motion prevailed that Conference suspend the report of last year and by special action seat the delegates whose churches had a "late" statistical report. Motion prevailed (unanimous standing vote) to adopt the following motion:

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE  
REGARDING RECEIVING  
OF AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Moderator and delegates to the conference:

Meeting at its annual conference at Batangafo, Central African Republic, November 20 to 23, 1962, The African General Conference of The Brethren Church chose a delegate to the 1963 conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in the United States of America.

That delegate has since traveled among our churches and has ministered in many of our pulpits under God's great blessing. Today he is with us in this conference as the first representative in history to come to us from the African Church.

I move this conference welcome Pastor Simon-Pierre Nambozouina as the official representative of The Brethren Church in Africa, extend to him the courtesies of this conference, and allow him opportunity at this time to bring us his greeting from our African Brethren.

Russell Ogden, chmn.  
Credential Committee

Motion prevailed to authorize the Conference officers to formulate a greeting to be sent to Brethren in the Central African Republic.

Motion was adopted to receive the Mill Run (Maryland) Brethren Church into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Motion was made to receive Basore Road Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, into the NFBC. Passed.

Motion prevailed to receive the Grace Brethren Church of Manheim, Pennsylvania into the NFBC.

Motion prevailed to receive into the NFBC the Brethren Church of Des Moines, Iowa.

Motion prevailed to accept the Symphony (Arvada, Colo.) Brethren Church into the NFBC.

Motion prevailed to adopt the proposed agenda.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee, as follows:

The following names were placed in nomination:

MODERATOR  
Leo Polman  
Kenneth Ashman

VICE MODERATOR  
Charles Ashman, Jr.  
Gerald Polman



**SECRETARY**  
Charles Turner  
Clyde Landrum

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY**  
Clair Brickel  
Wendell Kent

**TREASURER**  
Elmer Tamkin  
Frank Poland

**STATISTICIAN**  
John Whitcomb  
Kenneth Moeller

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**  
Richard DeArmey  
Conard Sandy  
W. A. Ogden  
Bernard Schneider

The following names were nominated from the floor:

**MODERATOR**  
Russell Ogden  
Glenn O'Neal

**VICE MODERATOR**  
Robert Hill  
Wm. Schaffer

**STATISTICIAN**  
John Burns

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**  
Kenneth Teague

The following members of the Executive Committee were placed in nomination:

Allegheny District—Kenneth Wilt, True Hunt  
East District—Ralph Burns, Don Rough  
Indiana District—Arnold Kriegbaum, Scott Weaver  
Iowa District—Wayne Baker  
Michigan District—J. Ward Tressler  
Mid-Atlantic—Warren Tamkin, Paul Dick  
Midwest District—Robert Salazar  
Northern Atlantic—Edward Lewis  
Nor-Cal—Lyle Marvin  
Northern Ohio—Charles Turner, Galen Lingenfelter, Vernon Harris  
Northwest—Carl Miller  
Southeast—Ralph Colburn, Wendell Kent  
Southern California-Arizona—Robert Hill, Glenn O'Neal, Ray Thompson  
Southern Ohio—Horace Mohler, Everett Caes

Motion prevailed to extend the time of this session of conference to complete the one item of business at hand.

Motion prevailed that the nominees for the Executive Committee be elected.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 14

The moderator opened the second business session with the reading of Philippians 2:1-5, and led in prayer, asking God for wisdom for this session.

The Membership Committee reported 15 additional lay, and 9 ministerial delegates, for a second-day total of 606. These delegates were seated by vote.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The committee on Rules and Organization reported as follows on the election: Moderator and vice moderator: No election

Secretary: Clyde Landrum.  
Assistant Secretary: Clair Brickel  
Treasurer: Elmer Tamkin.  
Statistician: John Whitcomb.  
Committee on Committees: W. Ogden, (chairman), R. DeArmey, Conard Sandy.

The election for moderator and moderator was held, with Kenneth A. man being elected moderator, Charles H. Ashman, Jr., being elected vice moderator.

Motion prevailed to accept the report of the Conference Travel Committee, as follows:

"Your Travel Insurance Committee has provided each church with materials to care for opportunity of having insurance coverage while traveling to and from national conference. We have no way of knowing just how many have availed themselves of this service. We do know that some were able to collect benefits this year, and thereby were helped considerably financially because of this insurance.

The Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, who carry this insurance for our conference have been very cooperative and take this opportunity to convey our thanks for their very prompt settling of claims.

Travel Insurance Committee  
Leo Polman, chairman  
Karl Garling  
Richard Sellers

Motion prevailed to adopt the following by the Travel Insurance Committee:

"Since the work of the Travel Insurance Committee has secured a yearly travel insurance policy with the Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, and since they do the work of printing promotional materials into our churches and since all that is needed to care for this year is the signing of the contract, which will be done by the secretary of conference, I move that the Travel Insurance Committee be terminated and have the conference secretary terminate the (master) contract.

The report of the Committee on Committees was adopted, and the following persons were placed in nomination for the various offices. These were declared elected. (See pages 2, 3 and 4.)

Motion prevailed to adopt the Statistician's report as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Year ending December 31, 1962

District	No. Churches		
	Reporting	1961	Members
Allegheny	11	11	1,457
East	15	16	2,649
Indiana	17	16	1,959

wa .....	8	8	829	865
chigan .....	7	9	444	458
d-Atlantic .....	9	10	1,852	1,974
dwest .....	6	7	589	603
rthern Atlantic .....	8	8	812	870
r-Cal .....	6	5	495	474
rthern Ohio .....	21	21	3,858	3,965
rthwest .....	9	9	814	855
utheast .....	14	15	2,143	2,253
California-Arizona .....	32	31	6,177	6,209
uthern Ohio .....	17	18	2,324	2,379

Totals .....180 183 26,402 27,051

# CHURCHES FROM WHICH NO REPORT WAS RECEIVED

STRICT  
uthern California ..... Glendora

## NEW CHURCHES REPORTING

STRICT  
chigan ..... Hastings  
d-Atlantic ..... Washington, D. C. (Grace)  
dwest ..... Arvada, Colo.  
utheast ..... Boones Mill, Va.  
uthern Ohio ..... Brookville

## MEMBERSHIP (U.S.A.)

	1961	1962
al membership at		
eginning of year: .....	25,653	26,263
DED:		
y letter from other		
denominations .....	235	256
y letter from other Brethren		
churches .....	406	423
y baptism .....	1,681	1,815
Other .....	115	68

Total additions ..... 2,437 2,562

ST:		
o other denominations by		
letter .....	343	362
o other Brethren churches .....	404	395
y death .....	183	183
y dismissal .....	91	155
y roll revision .....	663	
Other .....	121	87

Total losses .....	1,678	1,845
Net gain .....	759	717
al membership at end of year: 26,412	26,980	
Male .....	11,438	11,617
Female .....	14,964	15,363
al baptized membership in all		
eign-mission fields ..... 25,967	(1961 estimate)	

## AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

	1961	1962
le School .....		
ursery (0-3 years) .....	2,777	2,982
indergarten, 4-5 years .....	2,964	2,903
rimary, 6-8 years .....	4,764	5,069
unior, 9-11 years .....	4,669	4,903
ntermediates, 12-14 years .....	3,613	3,618
eniors, 15-17 years .....	2,968	3,142
oung People, 18-24 years .....	2,020	2,036
ults, 25 and over .....	11,372	11,601
taff and teachers .....	3,016	3,200
Total enrollment .....	38,219	39,454
radle Roll enrollment .....	1,328	1,035
ome Department enrollment ..	331	304
verage Attendances		
ible School .....	27,044	27,740
hild Evangelism .....	1,466	802
ocation Bible School .....	16,369	16,319
omen' and Girls' organizations		
Women's Missionary Council..	3,020	3,157
Sisterhoods .....	2,438	2,491
Other .....	201	199
en and Boy's organizations		
aymen .....	1,245	1,232
oy's groups .....	1,035	1,159
orning Worship .....	21,951	23,205

Evening Worship .....	13,215	13,307
Midweek Prayer Service .....	6,610	6,847
Revival-Evangelistic .....	10,446	11,704
Bible Conferences .....	5,107	4,715
Other .....	2,816	4,037
Communion .....	11,124	11,051
Conversions (recorded) .....	3,190	3,190

## PROPERTIES AND VALUATIONS

	1962
Church buildings and grounds ...	12,893,835.99
Equipment .....	1,416,118.32
Parsonages .....	1,149,750.00
Other properties .....	1,698,192.31
Other investments .....	265,477.61
Net balance in treasuries .....	295,678.15
(less national offerings)	
Total Assets .....	17,719,052.38
Indebtedness on properties .....	5,218,784.53
Net worth .....	12,500,267.85

## EXPENDITURES

	1962
Local	
Bible School .....	179,037.09
Building	
New building .....	627,834.58
Improvements (equipment) ...	118,216.60
Debt payments	
Principal .....	322,168.14
Interest .....	220,578.28
	1,288,797.60
Pastor's salary	
Base salary .....	679,307.80
Designated for housing .....	63,221.25
Estimated parsonage rental ...	70,360.20
Utilities allowance .....	16,747.62
Car allowance .....	45,508.94
Total salaries .....	875,145.81
Paid by local church .....	753,440.81
District Board .....	11,484.04
Home Missions Council .....	86,102.82
Other .....	7,642.42
Other regular salaries paid .....	218,261.09
Operation expenses .....	479,671.91
(utilities, etc.)	
Evangelistic Services	
(expenses only) .....	24,132.16
Bible Conference and other .....	19,513.61
Auxiliary Organizations .....	88,720.77
Youth Camps .....	13,863.49
Other local expenditures .....	102,028.98

Total for Local .....	3,307,172.51
Local Funds on Hand .....	262,259.38
For Others	
Foreign Missions	
Brethren .....	299,430.89
Other .....	22,659.30
Totals .....	322,090.19
Home Missions	
Regular .....	154,104.55
Jewish—H.M.C. .....	12,970.00
Navaho—H.M.C. .....	17,017.62
Other thru H.M.C. .....	1,478.02
District Missions .....	31,200.09
Other .....	17,694.82
Total .....	234,465.10
Christian Education	
Grace Seminary and College ..	81,165.65
Christian Day Schools .....	369,083.59
Other .....	15,965.88
Total .....	466,215.12
Sunday School	
National Sunday School Board	12,795.92
Other .....	3,362.08
Total .....	16,158.00



Youth Work	
Brethren Youth Council .....	6,442.07
Other .....	6,634.89
Total .....	13,076.96
Publications	
Herald Company (gifts) .....	20,967.91
Other .....	4,002.54
Total .....	24,970.45
Evangelism	
Evangelistic Meetings and	
Bible Conferences .....	32,177.26
Board of Evangelism .....	4,568.84
Other .....	5,182.73
Total .....	41,928.83
Total Expenditures for Local	
and for Others .....	4,426,077.16
Balance in treasuries (all funds) ..	297,220.81

#### PERCENTAGES AND RELATIONSHIPS

	1962
FINANCIAL (Per Capita)	
Total annual expenditure	\$164.12
Total local expenditure	122.63
Total giving for others	41.59
Foreign missions	11.94
Education	17.29
Publications	.93
Evangelism	1.55
Youth Work	.48
Sunday School	.60
Based on figures supplied	
by national organizations:	
Foreign Missionary Society	12.15
Home Missions Council	7.17
Grace Seminary and College	4.57
National Sunday School Board	.49
ATTENDANCE (percent of membership)	
Morning Worship	86%
Evening Worship	49%
Prayer Meeting	25%
Revival Services	43%
Bible Conferences	17%
Communion Services	40.9%
Conversions recorded: 1 for every 8.5 members	
Net membership gain:	
1 for every 38.42 members	
Respectfully submitted,	
John C. Whitcomb, Jr.	
National statistician	

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the committee on Constitution Revision, and the accompanying recommendations as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION REVISION

1. The members of our committee have individually and together studied every portion of the present NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES "MANUAL OF PROCEDURE" and all the suggestions presented to us.

2. We, as a committee are suggesting a complete revision of the manual.

3. This complete revision is prepared and can be presented to the conference this year. It will take some time for study and discussion by the delegates.

4. Therefore, we recommend that the conference determine the time and method that this manual shall be presented for action noting:

(a) It must be presented at least one session previous to action.

(b) It must be submitted to the committee on Rules and Organization for study and recommendation.

(c) It probably ought to be presented to the delegates in printed form. (About five pages of material)

5. We therefore recommend that time be inserted in the agenda for the presentation of the manual revision on Thursday or Friday of the week and that action be taken at a subsequent business session this year, if time allows, or next year's conference. We further recommend that this committee be continued as is until manual revision is adopted by the conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Ashman, chmn.  
Clyde Landrum  
Conard Sandy  
Vernon Harris

Motion prevailed that the matter of constitution revision become the first item of business Friday morning, August 16.

Motion prevailed to accept the following report of the committee on Denominational Interests:

"The committee on Denominational Interests met for prayer and consultation, but has no further report to give at this conference."

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

#### THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 15

The moderator read Philippians 3:16 and led in prayer to open the business session.

The Membership Committee reported 3 additional lay and 4 additional ministerial delegates for a third-day total of 613.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion prevailed to receive a retirement offering for the Sisterhood of Martha and Martha to assist them in their 50th Anniversary plans.

Motion prevailed to accept Kenneth Ashman's request to be relieved of committee assignments for the next year.

Motion prevailed to accept Charles Ashman, Jr.'s resignation from the Rules and Organization Committee for next year. These two actions were taken in view of the fact that they were elected moderator and vice moderator of the conference for the year ahead.

Motion prevailed to accept the report of the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits as follows:

# STATEMENT OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CASH BALANCE

For the period from July 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962

CORDED CASH RECEIPTS:				
	Total	Ministers Account	Relief Account	Retirement Fund
Contributions .....	\$5,916.52	\$3,430.60	\$ 414.39	\$2,071.53
Interest on investments and loans .....	837.78	92.94	146.38	598.46
Repayment of loans .....	1,490.00			1,490.00
Transfer from Ministers Account .....	336.98			336.98
Total recorded cash receipts .....	8,581.28	3,523.54	560.77	4,496.97
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Transfer to retirement fund .....	336.98	336.98		
Insurance premiums .....	3,529.36	3,529.36		
Relief payments .....	200.00		200.00	
Retirement payments .....	3,500.00			3,500.00
Investments—B.I.F. ....	2,490.00		1,000.00	1,490.00
Operating expenses:				
Secretary service .....	140.00			
Honorarium .....	200.00			
Audit .....	40.00			
Planning service .....	100.00			
Office supplies .....	66.22			
*Total operating expenses .....	546.22		136.56	409.66
Total cash disbursements .....	10,602.56	3,866.34	1,336.56	5,399.66
CASH BALANCE:				
CESS OF RECORDED CASH RECEIPTS				
OVER CASH DISBURSEMENTS .....	(2,021.28)	(342.80)	(775.79)	(902.69)
CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1962 .....	5,088.10	829.12	1,681.63	2,567.35
CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1962 .....	3,066.82	496.32	905.84	1,664.66

This statement is prepared on the cash basis and therefore does not reflect amounts of uncollected receipts or unpaid bills. It was not practicable to verify loans and investments, but based on balances as recorded as of June 30, 1962, and reflecting current period cash transactions, the value of loans and investments as of December 31, 1962, amounts to \$37,590.00, which added to cash in bank of \$3,066.82 results in a combined asset value of \$40,656.82 as of December 31, 1962.

Allocated on the basis of 25% charged to Relief Account and 75% charged to Retirement Fund

Motion prevailed to place the following names in nomination for three-year terms on the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits: William Schaffer, Melvin Fisher, and Earl Key.

Motion prevailed that the nominations be closed and these three men be declared elected.

Motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Christian Day School Committee:

## ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOLS

(Principals are listed after the addresses)

Grace Brethren Elementary School—15505 South Orange, Paramount, Calif., Mrs. John Mayes.  
Grace Brethren High School—15733 South Orange, Paramount, Calif., Mr. Joseph H. Smith.  
Grace Brethren Elementary and Jr. High—2400 West 85th, Inglewood, Calif., Rev. Donald F. Locke.  
Grace Brethren Elementary and Jr. High—8101 S. Vicki Whittier, Calif., Mr. Dan L. Shedd.  
Grace Brethren Elementary Christian School—11005 Foster, Norwalk, Calif., Myrna E. Baker.  
Grace Brethren Christian School—25571 Pacific St., San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. Irma Johnson.  
Grace Brethren School 2940 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. Leo Schaffer.  
Grace Brethren Navajo Mission—Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., Mr. Larry

Wedertz.  
Grace Brethren Elementary School—909 S. Buffalo St., Warsaw, Indiana, Rev. Howard Vulgamore.  
Bethel Brethren Christian Day School—R.R. 3—Box 121, Osceola, Ind., Rev. James Kohlmeier.  
Happy Hours Kindergarten—18375 Ireland Rd., South Bend, Ind., Rev. Gene E. Witzky.  
Grace Kindergarten—1300 West Clinton, Goshen, Ind., Rev. R. Paul Miller, Sr.  
Indian Heights Grace Brethren—4907 Arrowhead Blvd., Kokomo, Ind., Rev. Robert Burns.  
Mansfield Christian School—531 Marion Ave., Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. Chester Weigle.  
Brethren Christian Day School—1301 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, Va., Mabel E. Donaldson.

Pupils enrolled for 1962-1963 school year were 2,126. Total number of teachers, 99. Twenty-three percent of those pupils enrolled were Brethren pupils.

Motion prevailed to accept the report of the Committee on Selective Service as follows:

## COMMITTEE ON SELECTIVE SERVICE

"Due to the present world unrest morally, spiritually, socially, and especially politically: with the human possibility of the outbreak of war at any time under the present conditions: we, your committee on Selective Service, desire to place the following recommendation before this conference:

"That we renew our historic stand with relation to war; namely, that The Brethren Church from her origin has been utterly opposed to the use of violence or any physical forces as a means to an end on the part of the children of God. We regard the Governments of the world system as being yet unregenerate, and their



methods of violence contrary to the methods God has authorized His children in the present age to use. We reaffirm that while war as a possible method for the attainment of justice, or the securing for the attainment of justice, or the securing and maintenance of human liberty may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system; yet according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we, as His disciples, do not belong to this world's system and its methods are not our own. We are in the world and not of it, as our Master taught (John 17:14), and must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the flag of the United States as the nation God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection. We gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary to bind up its wounds, or to heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him.

"We further recommend that, in addition to placing the foregoing on the minutes of this conference, a copy of this statement to be sent to the Secretary of War of the United States, and the Secretary of the Selective Service Act in order that they may be cognizant currently of the time honored position of The Brethren Church."

The committee O.K.'d Pastor Emlyn Jones, of San Bernardino, California, for the chaplaincy in the Army Reserves.

Ord Gehman, chmn.  
Robert D. Crees  
Homer Lingenfelter

Motion prevailed to receive the following report of the Committee on Findings in the Baptismal Problem:

#### DIRECTION OF THE SOLUTION

##### PREFACE

What we offer here is not the solution to the problem, but practical first steps in a process. We realize that we are not providing an ideal solution, but we believe we are pointing out the direction in which a solution lies.

1. We re-affirm our conviction that trine immersion is the Biblical form of Christian baptism. We recommend that any minister or church within our fellowship who practices or advocates the practice of any other form of baptism be considered in violation of the Scriptural view of baptism as understood by The Brethren Church, and shall automatically become ineligible for membership in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches or its conference.

2. We recognize the liberty of any local congregation to establish the basis for its own membership within the doctrinal framework commonly adopted by The Brethren Church. However, for the sake of unity in our beloved Fellowship, we recommend that churches not depart from the historical practice of requiring trine immersion for church membership.

3. We recommend that, in light of our present church problem, which relates to the requirements for church membership and the additional problems that have been raised in this connection, the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, during a period of approximately five years, make a special study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry.

4. For the sake of unity, the churches involved have graciously refrained from sending delegates to National Conference and have volunteered not to submit delegates for an indefinite period. We commend these churches for their stated intent and apparent desire to remain in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We also recommend that delegates from any Brethren church, receiving members that have not been baptized by Trine Immersion shall be

granted, by special action, full courtesies to the Conference during the above mentioned period, provided these delegates have been baptized by trine immersion. These courtesies shall include the right to vote on all issues except the question of baptism in relation to church membership.

5. That after the above mentioned study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry the question shall be referred back to the National Ministerium for full discussion and then there back to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for full and open discussion in order that we may come to a decision in harmony with the Word of God.

6. We further recommend that a doctrinal statement be formulated, articulating the truths of Scripture, taking into account the Message of the Brethren Ministry, along with its proposed revision of 1953, as well as the historical Brethren statements. This doctrinal statement should include a definition of the relation of the statement to Scripture, and an explanation of the nature of doctrinal (doctrinal) subscription.

Report of the Executive Committee on churches and districts. Churches favoring, Disproving, 51. Non-Committal, 5. Reaffirm trine immersion only, 11. Same as districts, 1. Total 85

Districts: Approving, 1. Approving with variations, 1. Disapproving, 6. Total 8.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Sunday School Board including the placing in nomination the names of Harold Etling, John Burdette, H. Lambert Myers, and Lyle Martin for three-year terms on the National Sunday School Board:

#### REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The National Sunday School Board gives thanks to God for the privilege of serving this conference for another year, and for His manifold blessing upon us. We have just concluded our eleventh Sunday School Convention under the theme "Ten Triumphant Years." We do not here attempt to relive that convention, but as a matter of history, and we thank God for what we trust that it was a blessing to your heart as it has been to ours.

We would call attention only to 4 of our statistics:

In 1953 we had 137 schools; in 1962, 184  
In 1953 we had an enrollment of 25,359; now 39,800.

In 1953 we had an average attendance of 17 pupils, but now 29.613

The average school enrollment in 1953 was 184; now it is 216.

In the decade there were thirty-five schools that actually doubled in average attendance with North Long Beach showing the largest number of pupil increase. Three churches should be given special mention are Parkburg, West Virginia; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Fort Lauderdale, Florida—each multiplying its original number by approximately the number of years they have been organized. Three districts actually doubled in the decade, viz. Southeast, East, and Southern Ohio.

We have attempted to promote the betterment and enlargement of our schools during the past year through itineration among churches, monthly mailings of helps to our pastors, superintendents, and teachers. Our latest year has engendered more interest than in any previous year with 172 schools participating in the contest, and 117 of them

ally finishing the contest. A new contest is ready under way, and we are expecting this to be another great year. We shall continue to hard carefully in the matter of the curriculum committed to us to see that it remains Biblical content, Christ-centered in every emphasis, and with the pupil as the person to be reached. Our program for the new year centers upon the matter of "REACHING THE COMMUNITY," and will concentrate on special areas of family life, Cradle Roll, Home Department, and of course, continuous emphasis upon our regular departmental programs with our enlargement program theme of "Citizens for Sunday School." During the past year, 107 of our schools increased their attendance, while 70 schools lost average attendance, with 7 remaining static. We again would offer every possible help to every school desiring the help of the National Sunday School Board.

We desire to express our thanks for the continued support of our churches financially with gifts this year from our schools reaching a total more than \$13,000. Our conference has approved the suggestion of 50c per member per year, and this means that if every school fulfilled this suggestion, we would have had \$100,000 more with which to work. We thank you for all gifts that have come, and continue to depend upon Him to supply our every need through you.

Again we express our appreciation for your prayers, your gifts, your attendance at our convention, and your support in every way. Our financial report is attached herewith. We call attention to the fact that our income was \$5.65 in excess of our expenditures, which means we are living within our income. As a final part of this brief summary of our work, we would like to place in nomination for three-year term of office to the National Sunday School Board the names of Harold Eting, Wm. Burns, H. Lambert Myers, Lyle Marvin.

Respectfully Submitted,  
National Sunday School Board  
Harold H. Eting, director

#### Statement of Assets and Liabilities of The National Sunday School Board December 31, 1962

Cash .....		849.24	
Accounts receivable .....	2,282.15		
Less reserve for bad debts .....	228.26		2,053.89
Office equipment .....	7,787.75		
Less			
Equity of other boards .....	180.00		
Reserve for depreciation .....	3,204.35	3,384.35	4,403.40
Filmstrips .....	2,379.28		
Less reserve for depreciation .....	600.00		
Inventory .....		1,779.28	3,790.50
Total assets .....		12,876.31	
Liabilities and net worth			
Accounts payable .....	3,541.40		
Amounts due H. H. Eting .....	200.00		
Total Liabilities .....	3,741.40		
Net worth .....	9,134.91		
Total Liabilities and net worth .....		12,876.31	

#### Statement of Operation of The National Sunday School Board For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1962

Special offering .....	13,396.95
Conference and conventions offerings .....	1,418.88
Honoraria .....	951.83

Special offerings .....	1,414.46
Consideration .....	1,500.00
Supply sales .....	14,797.40
Less materials cost .....	12,655.88
Less materials postage .....	527.56
Service sales .....	1,613.96
Filmstrip rental .....	452.20
Less filmstrip postage .....	5.77
	446.43

21,749.74

Expense		
Director's salary .....	3,912.56	
Director's allowance .....	1,800.00	
Director's withholding tax .....	598.18	
Office salaries .....	7,311.22	
Travel expense .....	2,045.31	
Office postage .....	997.00	
Office supplies .....	93.58	
Rent .....	600.00	
Telephone and telegraph .....	253.21	
Administrative expense .....	578.18	
Social security .....	298.45	
Promotion .....	477.88	
Office expense .....	373.39	
Miscellaneous .....	460.92	
Hospitalization .....	230.67	
Bad Debts .....	.75	
National Sunday School Convention expense .....	403.65	
Depreciation .....	749.14	
		21,184.09

Income over expense ..... 565.65

Motion prevailed that the nominations cease and that these four be elected to the National Sunday School Board.

Motion prevailed that the following persons be placed in nomination for three-year terms on the Board of Evangelism: Wm. Smith, Mason Cooper, Dean Fetterhoff, and Scott Weaver.

Motion prevailed that the nominations be closed and that these four be elected to three-year terms to the Board of Evangelism.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Board of Evangelism:

#### BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The 1962-63 season has been by far the best in spiritual results that we have ever had. There were 601 decisions in the campaigns conducted by Bob Collett. Of these, 80 were first-time decisions. The summer team's report is only partially in as the team is still in the field when this is being made up. So far, the Allen Schlatter-Dave Seifert team had 27 first-time decisions and 195 decisions of all other kinds. Reports from the pastors involved reveal most unusual working of the spirit of God among their people. The demand for meetings is stronger than ever. If most pastors would but try it, they would find that the summer campaigns in July and August could be very fruitful in souls and a tremendous means of preventing summer slump.

With Ronnie Thompson starting his season September 1, there will be two full time teams in the field. As soon as possible, another full time evangelist will be scheduled, likely the first of September 1964. We expect to have one if not two summer teams on the field in 1964. These teams have proved to be very effective agents against the tendency to let down during



summer. Summer becomes a season of advance instead.

We should have at least a dozen teams of evangelists at work in both new and old fields. There is no other answer to the fulfillment of our emphatic commission from Christ our Lord, nor is there any other answer to the needs now registered in every department of the work of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches!

*Remember this on Evangelism Sunday, the last Sunday in February. Remember this every time you lift your heart to God in prayer. God is counting on us. May we never fail Him!*

Balance August 1, 1962 .....	\$3,387.22
Receipts gifts from churches .....	4,337.54
Offerings from evangelistic meetings ..	4,828.90
Gift from Brethren home missions ..	75.00
Gift from Laymen's National Fellowship	604.63

Total receipts from August 1,  
1962 to July 31, 1963 .....10,758.29

Expenditures	
Printing .....	988.93
Postage .....	309.00
Office supplies .....	42.44
Office help .....	124.57
Salaries and traveling expenses of fieldmen .....	9,043.24
Long distance calls .....	34.92
Miscellaneous .....	215.64

Total expenditures .....10,758.74

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Committee on Committees:

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Additional report of Committee on Committees nominees to replace Kenneth Ashman and Charles Ashman, Jr. who resigned.

Rules and Organizations

Lester Kennedy

Denominational Interests

E. William Male

Stewardship

Edwin Cashman, chmn.

Lee Dice

Christian Day Schools

Ernest Bearinger to replace John Mayes who resigned

Motion prevailed to extend the time of this session 10 minutes.

Motion prevailed that the second item of business on Friday's agenda be the report of the Committee on the Moderator's Address, and that the third item be the matter of the baptismal issue.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee as corrected:

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Recognizing that every blessing we enjoy as individuals and as a National Fellowship comes to us through the grace of our great God and Saviour, we offer thanks to Him for His bountiful goodness throughout this past year and especially for this week.

With so many critical issues facing the church of Jesus Christ, it would be impossible to deal with each in the scope of this report, however, be it:

Resolved that The Brethren Church reaffirm

its time honored position on the Scriptures: the Bible in its totality, including both the Old and New Testaments, is given by inspiration of God and is therefore accurate in its original autographs. This means that the Bible is infallible; that is, impossible of error, and is therefore inerrant in its record. This freedom of error extends to the entire record which includes historical and scientific data, as well as moral and spiritual truth. It employs the language of the common man that in relation to scientific facts is the language of appearance; this does not mean that it is not scientific and historically trustworthy. It only means that it is language that is perennially fresh making the truth of the Scriptures ever accessible to the average man; whereas scientific language is ever changing and growing obsolete as scientific knowledge advances, thus making the message of Holy Writ inaccessible to the average man.

Since the Bible is infallible and therefore inerrant, it is the obligation of every Christian to receive it as authoritative and authoritative sufficient as a rule for faith and practice. This is especially true for the church which owns no sovereign except Him who speaks through the Holy Scriptures.

Resolved that The Brethren Church express disapproval of the recent action of the Supreme Court of the United States in declaring unconstitutional the devotional use of the Lord's Prayer and reading of the Bible in the public school. This action is not only contrary to the spirit and purpose of the writers of the Constitution at its origin, as is amply witnessed by the fact that it has taken 180 years of men to discover the alleged discrepancy, but it fails to face squarely the fact that it criminalizes against all religions which claim the Bible as its source of authority. Moreover, the action ignores the fact that makes provision of unbelief, which is also a religion, to operate unhindered in the classroom. Unbelief is written into the textbooks and is so interwoven into oral and written teaching of the classroom that it usurps the vast portion of time of every student. In addition the large majority of teachers now indorse the principles and stipulations of belief and do not hesitate to propagate the creeds. This action of the court merely gives free reign to the religion of unbelief by formally excluding the Christian faith from even a mere appearance during the day.

Resolved that we reaffirm our position with regard to separation from the world and worldly agencies, including our historic stand with relation to war (as set forth in the resolution of 1957).

Resolved that we reaffirm our opposition to the present-day ecumenism promoted by the Liberal Protestantism and the Roman Catholic Church, which through the sacrifice of the Biblical doctrine is producing organizational union and not spiritual unity. And that we therefore declare our complete separation from the apostate National Council of Churches of Christ in America and The World Council of Churches.

Resolved that we emphasize the spiritual unity of all true believers; that "... by one spirit ... all baptized into one body ..." (1 Cor. 12:13). And that we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

Resolved that we recognize the church of Jesus Christ as a living body without social or racial distinctions and pledge ourselves in the coming years to work diligently at home and abroad to bring all men to a knowledge of Jesus Christ through the faithful preaching of the Gospel and welcome into the fellowship of our church all those who will embrace "the faith once delivered unto the saints" as held and practiced by The Brethren Church.

Resolutions Committee,  
Dr. Herman A. Hoyt  
Wesley Haller  
R. P. DeArmey, chmn.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

#### **FOURTH SESSION, AUGUST 16**

Moderator Mark Malles read Psalm 5:6-13 and led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to suspend the agenda and allow time for the Youth Committee election.

Motion prevailed to place in nomination for membership on the Brethren Youth Council William Byers, James Custer, Ralph Colburn, Forrest Jackson, George McQueen, and John Terrell.

Motion prevailed that the nominations be closed.

In the ensuing election conducted by the Rules and Organization Committee Ralph Colburn, James Custer, and Forrest Jackson were elected.

Motion prevailed to receive the report of the Committee on Constitution Revision for study and to refer it to the Committee on Rules and Organization with provision for discussion in this year's conference if possible.

The Board of Trustees of The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society wishes to submit this recommendation:

"That the Committee on Constitutional Revision be continued, with the instruction to investigate the possible extension of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to include our Brethren Churches in other nations around the world in a comprehensive organization to be known as THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES."

Motion was made to adopt the report of the Committee on Moderator's Address.

Substitute motion prevailed that the report of the committee on Moderator's Address be adopted with the section relating to the church problem deleted.

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS**

We, your committee on the moderator's address wish to commend our Moderator for his excellent analysis of our present need for spiritual discernment in reference to the possibility of denominational division, in reference to the ever-present spirit of antichrist in the world, and in reference to the trends of the time. With regard to the matter of spiritual discernment and divisions, we heartily endorse his idea that each side in the present contro-

versy seek to exhaust the resources of Ephesians 4:1-3 before any final action is taken. In this passage, the Holy Spirit beseeches us through the Apostle Paul that we "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith (we) are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

With regard to the matter of discerning spirits and the signs of the times, we commend our Moderator for his clear and forceful reminder that we need to maintain constant vigilance against the antichristian theory of organic evolution, the growing ecumenical movement, and the subtle undermining of the confidence of God's people in the final authority of God's Word; and we fully endorse his plea that each one of us keep our eyes fixed steadfastly on the supreme goal before us, the glorification of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Homer A. Kent (acting chairman)  
John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Motion made that the two recommendations given in the Moderator's address be adopted by Conference.

Motion prevailed to extend the time 10 minutes.

Discussion followed.

Motion prevailed to extend the time 10 minutes.

Discussion followed.

Motion prevailed to extend the time 10 minutes.

Discussion followed.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 3:30 this afternoon.

#### **FOURTH SESSION, August 16 (Afternoon portion)**

Scripture by the Moderator was I Corinthians 13:1-8, followed by prayer for guidance.

The minutes of the morning portion of the Friday Session were read and adopted.

Motion prevailed by standing vote to amend point 4 of the DIRECTION OF THE SOLUTION (page 30, 1962 Brethren Annual) beginning with the words "We also recommend . . .," to read as follows: "We also recommend that Brethren in attendance at the conference from churches which have received members without trine immersion baptism shall be recognized as having the same privileges as Brethren from churches which receive members only by trine immersion, but are not



attending the conference as seated delegates."

Motion prevailed to amend the above main motion by deleting the second recommendation, which dealt with the matter of requesting any involved churches to establish associate membership.

Motion prevailed to move the previous question.

Conference adopted the amended main motion which reads as follows: "That the recommendation as given in the Moderator's address to adopt the DIRECTION OF THE SOLUTION (page 30, 1962 Brethren Annual) be accepted as amended by this Conference."

Therefore, the following DIRECTION OF THE SOLUTION (p. 30, 1962 Brethren Annual) was adopted by Conference on August 16, 1963:

#### DIRECTION OF THE SOLUTION

##### PREFACE

What we offer here is not the solution to the problem, but practical first steps in a process. We realize that we are not providing an ideal solution, but we believe we are pointing out the direction in which a solution lies.

1. We re-affirm our conviction that trine immersion is the Biblical form of Christian baptism. We recommend that any minister or church within our fellowship who practices or advocates the practice of any other form of baptism be considered in violation of the Scriptural view of baptism as understood by The Brethren Church, and shall automatically become ineligible for membership in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches or its conference.

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3. We recommend that, in light of our present church problem, which relates to the requirements for church membership and the additional problems that have been raised in this connection, the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers, during a period of approximately five years, make a special study of the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry.

4. For the sake of unity, the churches involved have graciously refrained from sending delegates to National Conference and have volunteered not to submit delegates for an indefinite period. We commend these churches for their stated intent and apparent desire to remain in The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We also recommend that Brethren in attendance at the conference from churches which have received members without trine immersion baptism shall be recognized as having the same privileges as Brethren from churches which receive members only by trine immersion, but are not attending the conference as seated delegates.

5. That after the above mentioned study of

the Doctrine of the Church and its Ministry, question shall be referred back to the National Ministerium for full discussion and from there back to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches for full and open discussion in order that we may come to a decision in harmony with the Word of God.

6. We further recommend that a doctrinal statement be formulated, articulating the great truths of Scripture, taking into account the Message of the Brethren Ministry, along with the proposed revision of 1953, as well as other historical Brethren statements. This doctrinal statement should include a definition of the relationship of the statement to Scripture, and an explanation of the nature of doctrinal (confessional) subscription.

Motion prevailed that the vote on the previous action be by ballot vote and be recorded. The vote was:

"Yes"—324

"No"—88

Abstentions—18

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

#### FIFTH SESSION, AUGUST 17

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Brethren Youth Council:

#### BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL Report for 1962-1963

The psalmist declares: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good." The Brethren Youth Council echoes their thanks to our all-sufficient God for the blessings we have received this past year. As we presented this report at last year's conference the picture was as follows: We had a capable director in David Hocking who had just finished his first year with the council; a competent office staff headed by Mrs. Kenneth Herman; five thousand Brethren young people needing guidance; many Brethren pastors and/or youth directors not interested enough to return Youth questionnaires; absolutely no financial support coming from about 50 percent of our churches; and the current state of our treasury was a \$350 deficit. As you can readily agree the picture was not over-optimistic. The decision that faced our board was a critical one. Should we retreat because of lack of funds and total support from churches, or should we walk by faith as committed our needs and our staff to the Lord. The ever increasing needs of our Brethren Youth compelled us to take a big step forward with full confidence in our God to supply our needs. As we look back over these past months we can humbly say: "Jesus led us all the way."

We wish to commend our director, David Hocking for his excellent work in our church and among our young people. As he coupled his talents with Rev. John Schumacher and Rev. James Custer to form our Youth Evangelism Team, 200 decisions were registered for Christ. The team ministered in forty churches this past year helping the pastors and youth directors give direction to their young people. We wish to express our thanks to Rev. John Schumacher and Rev. James Custer for their work and love in behalf of the Youth Council. Both of these men are now serving the Lord in Brethren

n churches following their graduation from  
ace Seminary this spring. We are grateful to  
ad for these men of dedication who gave of  
emselves sacrificially that they might minister  
our Brethren youth even though the financial  
muneration was very small.

We must also express our thanks to Mrs.  
nneth Herman for her efficient work in the  
uth office for the past several years. Mrs.  
erman concluded her duties with us January  
because of many other demands on her time.  
e expressed to us the need of a full-time  
ecretary with the increased activity of the  
uth Council. Mrs. Joyce Farner has ably  
led the vacancy as our new secretary as she  
s worked with Miss Charlotte Henning in  
e office. We have come to the place of no re-  
rn and as of September 1, Mrs. Joyce Farner  
ll serve as our first full-time secretary. This  
s been needed for years and we are thrilled  
at it will now become reality.

This past year we were happy to employ on  
limited scale Mr. Ken Sanders of South Bend,  
diana. We sincerely appreciate his work in  
mpiling the quarterly *Leads for Leaders*, as  
ell as the help he gave in a few youth  
orkshops as we tried to broaden our youth min-  
istry. Mr. Sanders is a talented young man with  
wealth of ideas who we plan to use to  
eater advantage in the near future.

A real attempt was made to keep a constant  
ntact with pastors and youth leaders in the  
cal church. We have continued the monthly  
ublications as *Teenage Times* and *The Univer-*  
*sity Letter* have been sent to Brethren young  
ople across the Nation in ever increasing  
umbers. It was our privilege to again assist  
urches with their youth week as special bul-  
lins and other youth week helps were centered  
ound the theme "ON CALL." This theme has  
en carried into our National Youth Confer-  
ence where we have our largest registration  
hich is in excess of 270. Much has been ac-  
mplished with and for our youth as decisions  
r Christ are regularly being made in these  
ung lives. The highlight of the National  
uth Week is the "National Achievement Com-  
petition," which is topnotch as teen-agers put  
e many talents to work for Christ. This NAC  
rogram has filled a real void in the lives of  
any of our young people and has been the  
eans of stabilizing them in their Christian  
ing. The number of young people participat-  
g in all these areas continues to grow, for  
dividual churches and districts are beginning  
sense the tremendous value of channeling  
e energies of our youth into the things of  
e Lord. Continue to pray as you now begin  
plan that your church will have many com-  
itors in the NAC next year. We are  
ticipating the greatest youth program that  
e Brethren Church has ever witnessed, when  
e will see our young people in action in the  
tuesday evening session of conference. Make  
ans now to include this thrilling service as  
definite part of your week at conference.  
Again next year we would like to continue  
e noon luncheon for pastors and youth work-  
s. We were glad to fellowship with some 200  
this annual affair this year. We would like  
petition the executive committee of the 1964  
nference to include this annual affair on  
ednesday at 1:00 p.m. during next year's con-  
ference.

This past year has been a banner year for  
uth work in our Fellowship of Brethren  
urches. However, we must not be content to  
st on our past laurels, but must trust God  
He leads and enables us to do more for His  
ory. Let us briefly outline our plans for the  
mang year because we know you are vitally  
erested in our ministry to you. The ministry  
the Youth Evangelism Team led by our di-  
ctor with assistance from Mr. David Seifert  
d Mr. Dan Grabill will be available to our  
urches. Contact should be made through the  
uth Office.

We are desirous of increasing our summer mis-  
sionary program from the seven of this year  
to ten next year and are soliciting the help of  
our young people as they make this their  
national project.

We are planning to take all necessary steps  
in making our youth publications the very best.  
Many changes will be seen this year.

Because we have received the go ahead from  
the Grace College board of trustees, we are  
planning to have our National Youth Conference  
for 1964 on the Grace College campus. We will  
continue our present NAC awards. We are also  
offering one hundred dollars to the pastor  
of the winning quiz team in order that he may  
accompany them to Puerto Rico.

Our biggest venture for this coming year has  
been the appointment of a committee headed by  
Mr. George McQueen of South Bend, Indiana,  
to actively begin a campaign to raise funds to  
purchase property suitable for the establishment  
of a National Brethren Campgrounds. The po-  
tential of such grounds is tremendous. It could  
help us conserve nearly \$10,000 now being paid  
out for camp rentals, to say nothing of the  
many other uses of such facilities. Pray for this  
venture of faith; then give as the need is  
presented that a National Campgrounds might  
be a reality.

The Lord has given this Youth Board an in-  
creased vision of conserving and establishing  
our church of tomorrow who are the young peo-  
ple of today. When we realize that the per  
capita giving for youth work in The Brethren  
Church is only twenty-five cents, we as the  
youth board fear for the future of Brethren  
youth because of the lack of concern. We were  
recently informed that our per capita giving to  
youth is the lowest in America. Brethren, let  
us rise to the challenge of the hour and invest  
in the lives of Brethren young people who are  
among the top teen-agers of America. The finan-  
cial needs of the Youth Council are greater with  
our enlarged program, but we are asking God  
to burden our hearts to meet the need of reach-  
ing youth today in order that we might have a  
stronger Brethren church tomorrow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Forrest Jackson, president  
Brethren Youth Council

#### BRETHREN YOUTH COUNCIL Financial Statement to July 31, 1963

Assets		
Cash in Bank .....	3,859.29	
Petty Cash .....	10.00	
		3,869.29
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment .....	3,528.46	
Other Equipment .....	377.24	
	119.81	
		4,025.51
Accounts Receivable .....		217.68
Total Assets .....		8,112.48
Liabilities and Net Worth		
Payroll Taxes Payable		
Social Security .....	12.95	
Withholding .....	46.80	
		59.75
Surplus .....		8,052.73
Total Liabilities and Net Worth ..		8,112.48
Income and Expense Statement for Year Ending		
July 31, 1963		
Balance on hand August 1, 1963		
General Fund .....	326.09	(in the red)
Bethany .....	639.80	
Home Missions Project ....	719.56	
Foreign Missions Project ..	44.45	
Designated (Typewriter		
and Table) .....	353.09	
Total .....		1,430.81



Balance on hand August 1, 1963		
General Fund .....	1,936.19	
Bethany .....	631.87	
Home Missions Project .....	(264.54)	
Designated .....	311.95	
Mile of Dimes .....	243.82	
		3,859.29
Sources of Income		
Donations BYF .....	637.56	
Donations Youth Partners .....	2,139.52	
Sale of Merchandise .....	371.51	
Donations Churches .....	6,277.88	
Donations Other .....	4,614.41	
Miscellaneous .....	170.30	
National Youth Conference .....	6,100.58	
Total Income .....		20,311.76
Disbursements		
Director's salary .....	3,195.00	
Office Salaries .....	2,274.76	
Casual Labor .....	22.00	
Travel .....	305.93	
Telephone .....	219.02	
Board Expenses .....	133.27	
Competition Awards .....	26.32	
Office Expense .....	2,375.67	
University Letter .....	338.00	
Teenage Times .....	622.98	
Miscellaneous .....	695.44	
Home Mission Project .....	1,271.28	
National Youth Conference .....	5,108.51	
Champion Quiz Team Puerto Rico Trip .....	771.50	
Social Security Expense ....	184.19	
		17,543.87

Home Missions Projects (Summer Missionaries and Mile of Dimes)	
Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1962	719.55
Total receipts .....	179.90
Total disbursements .....	1,164.00

(264.54) (in the red)

Foreign Mission Project (Mile of Dimes)	
Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1962	44.45
Total Receipts .....	78.28
Total disbursements .....	122.73
	0.00

Motion prevailed to accept the name of Mrs. Ralph Hall as the SMM representative to the Brethren Youth Council. She was elected by Conference.

Motion prevailed that the conference recommend to the churches that they examine their support of the Brethren Youth Council during the past year and that after careful evaluation, a faith goal be established of fifty (50c) cents per member. This amount to be raised in part by an offering taken during National Youth Week (Jan. 26-Feb. 2, 1964) for our Brethren Youth Council. And, that this matter be expedited through the January Youth Page of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*.

Motion prevailed to have conference appropriate \$500 for the work of the National Youth Council.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Executive Committee relative to the time and place of next year's National Conference:

We present the following dates and facilities respecting National Conference of 1964:  
Place: Winona Lake, Indiana  
Date: Monday, August 17 through Sunday, August 23, 1964.  
Facilities: Winona Lake Auditorium.

Scott Weaver, chmn.  
Wendell Kent, secretary  
1964 Executive committee

Motion prevailed to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the following be appointed as committee to represent the Conference in the planning of the conference in California in 1965, giving to these persons full power to act in regard to time and place in behalf of the Conference:

Robert Hill, chairman  
The Conference Secretary  
Glenn O'Neal  
Richard Grant  
Wendell Kent

Motion prevailed to accept the following report of Committee on Proposed Board of Christian Education:

The joint meeting of the Sunday School Board and the Brethren Youth Council met Saturday August 10, 1963, in the Brethren Missionary Herald offices.

This committee took the following action: That we look with favor in the merger of these two Boards; 1966 is the target year accomplishing this goal. That we approve proposition of using and cooperating in the use of common office equipment as soon as possible. That we ask the executive committee of two Boards to plan their midwinter meetings a time when they can both meet together. (Note: Each of these motions passed by unanimous vote)

The two executive committees shall discuss problems relative to this merger and bring reports to next year's meetings.  
James Dixon, chmn.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report of the Treasurer:

1963 RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand Aug. 12, 1963 .....	\$ 61.00
Aug. 12—Offering .....	185.00
Aug. 13—Offerings .....	213.00
Aug. 14—Offerings .....	240.00
Aug. 15—Offerings .....	396.00
Aug. 16—Offerings .....	127.00
Credential fees .....	3,861.00
Total receipts .....	5,083.00

1963 DISBURSEMENTS	
Aug. 13—Joe Dombek, display cards and labor .....	33.00
Aug. 13—John C. Whitcomb, statistician honorarium .....	50.00
Aug. 14—Grace Theological Seminary, work on statistical report, 1000 copies, typing, printing, material, collating .....	50.00
Aug. 16—Foreign Missionary Society, report of Membership Committee, Stencils, paper, mimeographing, and labor .....	5.00
Aug. 16—Mrs. Russell Ward, secretarial work .....	10.00
Aug. 16—Rev. Kenneth Teague, conference speaker .....	100.00
Aug. 16—Rev. Donald Ogden, director of music .....	45.00
Organist .....	15.00
Pianist .....	15.00

ig. 16—Rev. Russell Ward, executive secretary .....	35.00
ig. 16—Rev. John Terrell, executive secretary .....	15.00
ig. 16—Rev. Gerald Polman, phone call and postage .....	2.23
ig. 16—Rev. Russell Ogden, Membership Committee, receipt book, badges, phone call .....	32.57
ig. 16—Business Equipment Co., conference badges .....	28.55
ig. 16—National Sunday School Board, mimeographing, work sheets, material, and labor .....	1.80
ig. 16—Winona Lake Christian Assembly, rent of Auditorium for 7 days .....	700.00
ig. 16—Winona Lake Christian Assembly nursery service .....	50.00
Total disbursements .....	1,189.09
Balance on hand, Aug. 17, 1963 .....	3,895.92
Elmer Tamkin, treas.	

Motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Committee on Home for the Aged:

#### REPORT OF THE BRETHERN HOME FOR THE AGED

Your committee has endeavored to pursue the recommendations of our report last year. We have encouraged the initiating of Homes for the Aged on the District level. As this is a new venture for all of us, progress has been rather slow. We have gone forward as rapidly as finances permit, however, in the Mid-Atlantic District. Land has been purchased and plans are being discussed with the Denominational architect, Rev. Hall, for erection of a first unit this fall. Already, we have guests ready for the home as soon as it is ready.

The chairman of this committee and Rev. Robert Crees, also a member of this committee, are members of the Board of Directors of the Home. It is our hope that the experience gained in this venture will enable us to give a more positive direction to the other efforts in the near future.

Three members of the committee, Rev. Crees, Rev. Ralph Hall and Rev. Dixon attended "The Short Course on The Organization and Administration of A Home for the Aging" conducted June 10-14 in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. Much information and inspiration was gained from this conference.

All districts are urged to communicate with this committee through its various members regarding the progress being made. We are more convinced than ever that Homes should be relatively small and on the district or regional level, rather than the national level. However, Winona Lake would be rather a nice place to have a Home—especially for those in the Winona district. Contacts are being made for such a Home. Please contact members of this committee during this conference.

A total of \$123.25 was spent by this committee—all expenses incurred attending the above mentioned conference. Of this \$56.50 went for transportation and materials received—the rest expenses for those attending. The demand must dictate our action! Anyone with suggestions, propositions, please see anyone of the committee members. We need financial help!

Respectfully submitted,  
James Dixon, chmn.  
Robert Crees  
Ralph Hall  
Glenn O'Neal  
Jack R. Marshall

Motion prevailed that Conference al-

locate \$300 for the continuing of the committee.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report by the Publicity Committee:

#### PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

This past year, your conference publicity committee has appreciated the cooperation of The Brethren Missionary Herald and its executive editor, Rev. Richard E. Grant.

Over four pages of space regarding conference were run in The Brethren Missionary Herald, including the listing of accommodations available for delegates. We would like to express our thanks to Allen Zook for taking several pictures which were used in the conference publicity.

The local Scripture Press Demonstration Center here at Winona Lake graciously offered our conference window display space throughout this week. Bro. Joe Dombek has made an unusual display which we invite all of you to view. Books by Brethren authors are also in the window.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Herman, chmn.  
Clyde Landrum  
Joe Dombek  
Richard E. Grant  
Russell Ward

Motion prevailed that conference request the Publicity Committee to check on accommodations reported in the Brethren Missionary Herald, and in listing them indicate in some manner the relative desirability of the accommodations.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Stewardship Committee:

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Stewardship Committee has been reorganized and the membership of the committee has been amended by the Committee on Committees. Edwin Cashman, chmn.

The committee is continuing to work toward the provision of a unified offering envelope service. This all-purpose envelope is available from Duplex-Richmond on a direct order basis.

A tithing poster and literature campaign is being promoted for the coming year. Expenses will amount to \$250, which the conference will pay.

Respectfully submitted,  
John M. Aeby, chmn.

Motion prevailed to accept the following report of the Auditing Committee:

#### THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

The books and records of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the National Sunday School Board, the Brethren Youth Council, and the Board of Evangelism have been audited. Also by request we have audited the books and records of the Brethren Women's Missionary Council. These books were found to be correct and in the opinion of the committee they reflect the true financial condition of the organizations involved. We want to express our appreciation to each of these organizations for the neat and orderly records kept during this past year.



Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth G. Moeller  
James L. Boyer  
Roy H. Kinsey

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PASTORLESS CHURCHES AND AVAILABLE PASTORS FOR THE YEAR 1963**

During the year, the names of twenty-nine ministers available for pastorates were given to the committee chairman. Six of these names were men from the recent graduating class from Grace Theological Seminary. There were never more than twenty-three available men at one time. As contacts were made and it was known a man was called his name was removed from the list.

Fourteen churches asked for the help of the committee. Four and possibly five have called men from the list and have had favorable responses. In other words these four or five men are on the job as the Lord used this avenue of information to get pastors and churches together.

We make no recommendations. Sometimes the churches ask for them but must be satisfied with a list of names and addresses with no comments.

It is not to be construed that there are still twenty-four pastors unemployed. A sizable number have found churches on their own, or have accepted other positions such as teaching.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norman Uphouse, chmn.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following report from the Executive Commit-

tee in regard to the Denominational Study Committee:

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made to request financial assistance from the conference for the study committee of the National Ministerium was directed by the Direction of the Synod passed yesterday. Suggested amount up to \$1000 was seconded and passed.

Motion prevailed that the matter of revision of Manual of Procedure be delayed until next year's conference.

Motion prevailed to extend the time of this session until the business is completed.

Motion prevailed that a letter be framed dealing with that portion of the report of the Resolutions Committee concerned with prayer and Bible reading in the public schools, and that a copy of this letter be sent to the President, The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State.

The minutes of the final session were read and accepted as corrected.

The new officers of conference were installed.

Motion prevailed to adjourn sine

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT January 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962

## BALANCE SHEET

<b>Assets:</b>	
<b>Real Fund—</b>	
on hand and in banks .....	\$26,636.01
unts receivable .....	8,188.26
receivable .....	41,774.99
etable securities .....	90.00
story—books .....	1,726.31
ment for office and deputation .....	
ck .....	11,845.61
Depreciation on equip. for office, .....	(3,692.11)
Estate (Missionary Residences, .....	
) .....	70,718.24
<b>Gift Fund—*</b>	
on hand and in banks .....	8,505.73
receivable .....	50,357.61
etable securities .....	4,066.77
estate .....	90,707.43

Less: Depreciation on annuity real  
 estate ..... (6,428.07)

Total assets ..... \$304,496.83

\*The total of this section equals the annuities  
 in force of \$147,209.52.

<b>Liabilities, Accountabilities, and Net Worth</b>	
<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Accrued taxes .....	209.12
Notes payable .....	108,831.02
Mortgage on new Missionary Residence .....	17,628.83
<b>Accountabilities—</b>	
Sisterhood funds for investment .....	2,500.00
Annuities in force .....	147,209.52
Net worth .....	28,118.34
Total .....	304,496.83

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

<b>Income—</b>	
Gift total for 1962 .....	327,711.85
Annuity investments .....	18,063.99
General fund interest .....	1,864.24
Miscellaneous .....	58.57
	347,698.65

<b>Expenses—</b>	
<b>Administrational:</b>	
Office salaries .....	28,375.11
Telephone, telegraph, cable, and taxes .....	1,303.35
Postage .....	1,238.15
Rent .....	2,340.00
Office stationery and supplies .....	935.44
Board meeting expenses .....	871.75
Maintenance on office equipment ....	462.57
Legal and audit .....	255.56
Depreciation on office and deputation equipment .....	902.71
Insurance .....	468.51
Board and office personnel trips to mission fields .....	1,651.47
	38,804.62
<b>Promotional:</b>	
Echoes publication .....	3,465.68
Foreign Missions issue of Brethren Missionary Herald .....	6,107.23
Publicity (bulletins, newsletters, etc.) .....	9,487.74
Conference, rallies, deputation—missionaries and office personnel .....	8,802.79
Grace Seminary missions library ....	1,000.00
Brethren Financial Planning Service ..	2,500.00
	31,363.44

<b>Missionary and field expenses:</b>	
Missionary Residences, Winona Lake ..	3,088.44
Field expenditures .....	87,477.11
Missionary furlough travel .....	23,225.65
Missionary personnel .....	148,000.79
	261,791.99

<b>Other:</b>	
Annuity interest expense .....	9,028.28
Annuity property expense .....	9,859.66
Appropriations to EFMA & BYC .....	375.00
General fund interest .....	6,595.26
	25,858.20

Total expenses ..... 357,818.25

Excess of expenses over income for 1962 10,119.60

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**THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL**  
**INCORPORATED**  
**WINONA LAKE, INDIANA**  
**April 1, 1962—March 31, 1963**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash, checking account	\$14,38
Petty cash	2
Stocks and Bonds	9
Notes receivable	10,86
Contract receivable	1,20
Annuity Funds invested	110,80
Deferred charges for contingent notes payable	471,20
Deferred deposits held for others and advances	2,25
Deferred hospitalization insurance	42
Mission property—land and buildings	114,51
Mobile equipment	15,76
Leasehold improvements	1,94
Office furniture and equipment	4,60
Photography equipment	3,12
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>751,19</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Notes payable	137,05
Contingent notes payable	471,20
Accrued federal withholding tax	17
Accrued gross withholding tax	6
Accrued social security tax	12
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>608,62</b>
<b>Accountabilities</b>	
Annuities	110,80
<b>Net Worth</b>	
Surplus Account	31,76
<b>Total liabilities, accountabilities, and net worth</b>	<b>751,19</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	220,97
Stock (contribution)	9
Interest	6,40
Brethren Investment Foundation	58
Mrs. Day's property	1,59
Needham, Mass. account	1,06
Gain on sale of assets	3
	<b>230,86</b>
<b>Architectural dept.</b>	<b>10,49</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>241,35</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
<i>Direct Assistance to Mission Points</i>	
Pastors' salaries, building appropriations, and Minute Man	177,31
Pastors' insurance	2,86
Moving Pastors	1,32
Evangelism and contributions	97
Depreciation on mission vehicles	4,76
Interest	14,98
Field work and misc.	7,27
<b>Total</b>	<b>209,52</b>
<i>Indirect Assistance to Mission Points</i>	
<i>Office and Administration</i>	
Office salaries	26,34
Office supplies, insurance and Bond	1,30
Telephone and telegraph	2,45
Office rent	2,64
Postage	1,95
Equipment, service, and depreciation	2,69
Social security tax	1,30
Administrative assistance (directors and	

retaries)	4,289.16
, legal, and estate expense	403.36
total	43,401.14
otion	
zine and literature	6,419.00
ngiving offering inaterial	3,687.87
ork advertising and signs	1,079.48
tization of promotional film	948.28
ation	2,660.37
total	14,795.00
ren Financial Planning Service	2,000.00
ectural Department Expense	9,732.14
total disbursements	279,456.62
s of disbursements over income	38,103.62
	241,353.00

#### BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

Brethren Investment Foundation has the  
officially as The Brethren Home Missions  
ail, Inc., Winona Lake, Ind.  
cial Secretary, Mr. Elmer Tamkin, Box  
Winona Lake, Ind.  
ary-Bookkeeper, Mrs. Wanita Ogden, 308  
St., Winona Lake, Ind.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 1963

in bank—checking account ....	\$ 11,727.22
ve funds .....	498,313.15
receivable .....	2,997,577.08
e equipment .....	4,279.92
reserve for depreciation .....	2,582.16
	1,697.76
hold improvements ....	262.34
s: Allowance for	
mortization .....	9.94
	252.40
total assets .....	3,509,567.61
ities	
payable (Note A) .....	3,192,770.50
es accounts (Note B) .....	114,528.13
ities .....	110,800.00
ill taxes and taxes withheld	
n payrolls .....	173.29
total liabilities .....	3,418,271.92
orth	
us .....	91,295.69
total liabilities and net worth ..	3,509,567.61
e A—Includes \$398,072.24 investments for	
College Dormitory	
e B—Includes \$33,600.96 savings accounts	
Grace College Dormitory	
ne and Expense Statement	
te	
st .....	168,277.84
ne charge—Grace Sem. ....	1,500.00
.....	10,113.13
	179,890.97
uses	
expense .....	628.10
st .....	154,553.48
es .....	7,353.16
and audit .....	273.00
nce .....	110.16
ciation .....	437.94
security tax .....	240.29
rs to equipment .....	208.00
and telephone .....	472.00
ge .....	360.00
total expenses .....	164,636.13
ccess of income over expenses	15,254.84

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### GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

#### Balance Sheet—1962-63

Assets	
Cash on hand and in banks .....	\$ 9,173
Investments .....	202,643
School Property and Equipment ..	1,204,363
Accounts Receivable .....	19,000
	<hr/> 1,435,180
Liabilities	
Notes Payable .....	14,243
Mortgages Payable .....	290,783
Annuities invested in plant .....	33,713
Deposits and obligations .....	56,633
Loans, annuities, and trust funds ..	185,083
Net investment in plant .....	865,463
Surplus account .....	(10,743)
	<hr/> 1,435,180

( ) denotes deficit

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**Annual Meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation**

August 13, 1963—10:50 a.m.

The meeting was called to order the president of the corporation, R. Crees.

Prayer was offered by Thomas Hammers.

The financial reports and membership lists were distributed.

A motion was made and passed that the persons listed on the membership lists be voted members of the corporation with the privilege of voting in the business sessions, provided they are members of Brethren churches.

The secretary reported the results of the ballot election of trustees by mail. Those elected for three-year terms are Herman A. Hoyt, R. D. Crees, and E. William Male.

A motion prevailed that the following names be placed in nomination for membership to the board of trustees for three-year terms:

Robert E. A. Miller—Gerald Polman  
 Thomas Hammers—Wesley Haller  
 Robert Sackett—Carl Eberwein  
 Mark Malles—Earle Peer

Opportunity was given for further nominations. There being none, nominations were closed and the above names shall comprise the ballot.

The general manager presented the financial report covering the period of July 1, 1962 to December 31, 1962.

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted as given.

The executive editor-general manager gave a brief verbal report of the activities of the company and the evidences of God's blessings on the work.

The minutes of the meeting were approved as read.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Prayer was offered by the chairman.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**ASSETS**

<i>Current Assets</i>		
Cash in register .....	\$	100.00
Petty cash .....		250.00
Cash on hand .....		700.93
Cash in bank .....		10,396.89
Loans receivable .....		8,600.00
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Accounts receivable .....		20,047.82
Inventory—merchandise .....		27,919.61
Inventory—supplies .....		43,603.71
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Total current assets .....		93,463.48
<i>Non-Current Assets</i>		
Land .....		4,000.00
Buildings .....		153,446.26
Reserved for depreciation ..		20,328.72
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		133,117.54
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment .....		17,900.02
Reserved for depreciation ..		12,620.98
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		5,279.04



Shop equipment .....	10,971.96	
Reserved for depreciation ..	10,259.22	712.74
Truck .....	1,000.00	
Reserved for depreciation ..	200.00	800.00
Total non-current assets .....	143,909.32	
Other assets (prepaid expenses) .....	2,934.96	
Total assets .....	240,307.76	

#### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts payable .....	8,672.31	
Accrued federal tax .....	20.00	
Total current liabilities .....	8,692.31	

##### Non-current liabilities

First National Bank of Warsaw .....	8,935.75	
Lincoln National Bank and Trust Co. ....	8,935.98	
Total non-current liabilities .....	17,871.73	
Annuities .....	9,000.00	
Net worth .....	204,743.72	
Total liabilities .....	240,307.76	

#### CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

##### Income

Merchandise sales .....	83,919.46	
Subscriptions .....	11,556.41	
Cooperating boards .....	7,972.32	
Interest .....	200.49	
Total income .....	103,648.68	

##### Cost

Purchases .....	59,610.44	
Outside work .....	9,419.00	
Salaries .....	19,268.29	
Depreciation .....	2,599.59	
Consideration to National Sunday School Board ....	750.00	
Rental expenses .....	169.59	
Operating expenses .....	11,485.73	
Total cost .....	103,302.64	
Net gain .....	346.04	
Free literature and gifts .....	1,845.05	
Net loss .....	1,499.01	

##### Publication offering

Receipts in gifts .....	16,678.74	
Expenses .....	754.25	15,924.49
Net gain .....	14,425.48	
Total cost of real estate and buildings	157,446.26	
Equity from former property and payments to date .....	139,574.53	
Balance of building debt .....	17,871.73	
Principal paid—current period .....	10,910.62	
Interest paid—current period .....	689.38	
Total .....	11,600.00	

Note—The books of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the Corporation.

## The Brethren Women's Missionary Council

Theme for 1963-64—His Own (Jo  
13:1).

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umber of Councils . . . . . 230

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#### FINANCIAL REPORT—1962-63

ance—July 31, 1962	\$7,939.28
ceipts	
neral Conference offering '62	469.06
idential offering 1962	348.43
erhood of Mary and Martha	200.00
gram packets	31.50
und on insurance	4.50
neral and Publication offering	2,701.09
ne Missions offering	3,891.95
istian Education offering	3,404.17
ein Missions offering	3,673.22
ank offering (Jewish)	5,611.69
sionary Birthday offering	4,384.15
sionary Residence offering	1,313.70
ne Missions—Special	1,043.50
ein Missions—Special	4,391.70
ce Schools—Special	2,757.10
Total receipts	34,225.76
bursements	
heral expense	4,090.73
ne Missions	3,891.95
istian Education	3,404.17
ein Missions	3,673.22
ank offering	5,611.69
sionary Birthday	4,000.00
ne Missions—Special	1,043.50
ein Missions—Special	4,391.70
ce Schools—Special	2,757.10
Total disbursements	33,554.94
h balance, July 31, 1963	8,610.10

#### NATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS 1963-1964

#### WE RECOMMEND

1. That a consecration service be held annually (preferably early fall) in each local council to reconsecrate membership and to recognize new members.
2. That each local president, or representative, attend each district meeting and National WMC Conference, her council aiding in expenses if at all possible, for the latter.
3. That we send good usable clothing to the following missions; each local council be responsible for entire expense: *Taos, New Mexico*—Adult and children's clothing —*Parcel Post*—Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico. *Express*—Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, New Mexico via Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*Navajo Indian Mission*—Children's cotton clothing ONLY (up to 15 yrs.). *Parcel Post* —Rev. James McClellan, Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico. *Express*—Rev. James McClellan, Brethren Navajo Mission, Star Route, Cuba, New Mexico via ICX Freight Line, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*—Adult and children's clothing. *Parcel Post* or *Motor Freight* to: c/o Rev. Robert Salazar, 153 Pueblo Luna Drive, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

4. That officers in the local council be elected in June, installed in July, and take office at the August meeting. The national and district statistical reports, compiled by the retiring president, must be in the hands of the district president by July 1, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1963, through June 1964.

5. That each council promote the evangelization of children, encouraging each woman to willingly assist in Sunday school, VBS, children's Bible classes, and other church sponsored youth activities.

6. That the women in each council continue to show an INCREASED interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and a willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.

7. That all local and district councils use BRETHREN talent and support BRETHREN works.

8. That the women of each council be encouraged to read and use the *Pen Pointers*; we suggest an annual quiz in each council. (More *Pen Pointers* may be obtained from the National Literature Secretary.)

9. That each WMC member give regularly as the Lord leads and prospers her.

10. That each council choose and purchase of the following books:  
**MISSION TO THE HEAD-HUNTERS** (Drown, Frank and Marie, \$3.95, Harper, 1961.)

Thrilling experiences among the Ecuador Indians. Mr. and Mrs. Drown were close friends and co-workers of the Auca martyrs. The book makes only passing mention of the martyrdom, but is mainly a picture of actual mission station life.  
**WORDS WANTED.** (Pike, Eunice V., \$2.75, Moody Press, 1953.)

The fascinating story of Wycliffe translators in Mexico as they reduce unwritten languages to writing and translate the Scriptures.

**TRIED IN THE FIRE.** (Anderson, Isabel, \$2.95. Moody Press, 1960.)

This story is a true picture of conditions in Colombia where the people are dominated by a corrupt Catholic priesthood. It depicts the transforming power of Christ amid the persecutions to which Christians are



subjected.

**HEALTH SHALL SPRING FORTH.** (Adolph, Paul E., 59 cents. Moody Press, 1956.)

An excellent volume for Christians on the subject of release from tensions. In the tension-filled age in which we live such a volume, written by a devout Christian doctor, a former missionary to China, and endorsed by such men as Dr. DeHaan and Dr. Bob Cook, can be a great blessing. The book is required reading in at least one course taught at Grace College. Originally in a hard back volume it is now available in paperback at 59 cents. Individual members may want personal copies at that price.

Books may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Indiana.

#### National WMC Objectives for Local Councils 1963-1964

### 1. REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY

*First choice:* The entire Bible in 1963-64 (3 chapters a day—5 on Sunday).

*Second choice:* The Book of John, plus the use of the Scripture provided each day in the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions."

*Third choice:* Daily Bible reading of own choosing.

### 2. FAMILY DEVOTIONS

The establishment of daily family devotions in every home. We suggest the use of the Brethren booklet "Daily Devotions." The local prayer chairman should be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils regularly.

### 3. PRAYER EMPHASIS

That each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month, using prayer helps provided by our denomination. Each council enlisting prayer partners from the congregation or council for a daily time of prayer.

### 4. SOUL-WINNING

Our goal—every woman a witness and a soul-winner. A monthly visitation and tract distribution program to be used with the local tract chairman keeping a monthly record of tracts used, and the prayer chairman keeping a record of all souls saved via Child Evangelism, VBS, Sunday School, SMM, and so forth.

### 5. MONTHLY MEETINGS

A minimum of 12 devotional meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs.

### 6. DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES

As a means of promoting individual growth and enthusiasm for the WMC work, each council take part in the district projects, and be represented at the rallies.

### 7. MAJOR OFFERINGS

(Please send all money to the National

Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Ashman, 602 Chestnut Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet)

1. September, October, November—Home Missions, \$3700. Send before December 10. 4-wheel drive vehicle and repairing of well at Navajo mission.

2. December, January, February—Christian Education Offering, \$3700. Send before March 10. One-half toward dining room furnishings for new college dormitory. One-fourth to Brethren Youth Council for electric typewriter and adding machine. One-fourth to National Sunday School Board for the expansion of the Brethren Christian Education Handbook.

3. March, April, May—Foreign Missions \$3700. Send before June 10. The third year of a project toward liquidating the debt on the residence, Philathea House.

4. June, July, August—General and Publication Fund, \$3700. Send before September 10.

5. Thank Offering for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We urge the use of the synagogue banks for the penny-a-day per member offering (Secure free banks from the Brethren Home Missions Council)

6. Birthday Offering to be received during the year for the support of WMC missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar a year per member.) Send anytime before June 10. Birthday Missionaries for 1963-64 are: Miss Ruth Kent; Miss Marie Mishler; Mrs. Sibley Edmiston; Mrs. Donald Bishop; Mrs. Tom Julien.

#### DISTRICT WMC OBJECTIVES 1963-1964

1. Each district is encouraged to recognize those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. Every district represented on the National board at National Conference, by the president or alternate. It is suggested that expenses, wholly or in part, be paid by the district.

3. A four minute achievement report to be given by the district president at National Board meeting. Retiring president to be responsible for writing the report.

4. That the district project chairman cooperate with the National project chairman toward one display for National Conference

5. The district president will promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

6. Each district will sponsor at least one project—said project to be cleared THROUGH THE NATIONAL FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. All district offerings for National

Brethren works shall be sent to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

8. Each district shall contribute an annual free will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary Residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the National Financial Secretary-Treasurer by June 30 and shall be used as the committee in charge sees the needs.

9. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the National Secretary by July 20.

10. Each district president will stress the importance of using the Brethren program packets and achieving our goals and recommendations in the local councils to foster unity among us.

11. SMM will be represented on the district WMC conference program. Each district WMC will give financial assistance, if possible, that their district SMM patroness and, or, president may attend National Conference.

### Sisterhood of

### Mary and Martha

Theme—"Serving My Master . . . By My Daily Living"

Theme Verse—Ephesians 2:10

Motto—"Do God's Will"

Colors—Green, which stands for service and represents Martha. White, which stands for worship and represents Mary.

Aim—To develop every girl to be a living testimony for her Master; to give girls of dimly-lighted regions an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

### SMM National Officers

President—Miss Joyce Ashman, 602 Chestnut Avenue, Winona Lake, Indiana

Pres.—Miss Paulette Macon, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Secretary—Miss Janice Campbell, 1100

East 8th Avenue, Johnson City, Tennessee

Treasurer—Miss Carol Welborn, 1411 W. Winona Avenue, Warsaw, Indiana

Lit. Secy.—Miss Beth Pifer, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Editor—Miss Rosalie Ash, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana

Patroness—Mrs. Ralph Hall, Route 3, Warsaw, Indiana

Asst. Pat.—Mrs. Robert Wise, 276 College Street, Wadsworth, Ohio

Dev. Program Chairman—Mrs. Thomas Inman, 590 S. Dale Court, Denver, Colorado

### District Patronesses and Presidents

Allegheny—Pat., Mrs. Paul Mohler, 45 West St. Charles, Grafton, W. Va. Pres, Rebekah Mohler, 45 West St. Charles, Grafton, W. Va.

East—Pat., Mrs. Randall Poyner, 2623 Bedford St., Johnstown, Pa. Pres., Ruth Ann Rogers, R.R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.

Indiana—Pat., Mrs. Scott Weaver, 121 Oregon, Osceola, Ind. Pres., Leanne Ervin, 901 Edgewater, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Iowa—Pat., Mrs. Leonard Rousselow, R.R. 3, Waterloo, Iowa. Pres., Sally Schrock, 1421 Hawthorne, Waterloo, Iowa.

Michigan—Pat., Mrs. Earl Funderburg, Trout Lake, Mich. Pres., Marsha Groff, R.R. 1, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Mid-Atlantic—Pat., Mrs. Marjorie Shirey, 826 Pine St, Hagerstown, Md. Pres., Vicki Shirey, 826 Pine St., Hagerstown, Md.

Midwest—Pat., Mrs. Edward Mensinger, 7790 West 61st, Apt. 8, Arvada, Colo. Pres., Lornel Olive, 2809 East Twelfth, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Northern Atlantic—Pat., Mrs. James Knepper, R.R. 4, York, Pa. Pres.,





Sue Adcock, 999 Loucks Pl., York, Pa.

Nor-Cal—Pat., Miss Clara Garber, 470 South Stockton Ave., Ripon, Calif. Pres., Sharon Allen, 310 N. Santa Barbara, Modesto, Calif.

Northwest—Pat., Mrs. Donald Farner, Box 426, Toppenish, Wash. Pres., Sharon Bacon, Sunnyside, Wash.

Southeast—Pat., Mrs. Charles Martin, 1102 Barton St., Johnson City, Tenn. Pres., Janice Campbell, 1100 E. Eighth Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.

Ameri-Mex. (So. Calif.-Ariz.)—Pat., Mrs. Gerald Polman, 824 North Verde, Rialto, Calif. Pres., Ann Fodor, 5232 La Paz Dr., San Diego 14, Calif.

Los Angeles Area (So. Calif.-Ariz.)—Pat., Mrs. Robert C. Firl, 4862 N. Ardsley Dr., Temple City, Calif. Pres., Diana Rooker, 1113 E. Tichenor, Compton, Calif.

Southern Ohio—Pat., Mrs. John R. Shipley, Sr., 1622 Earlham Dr., Dayton, Ohio. Pres., Sue Spruance, R.R. 1, Box 210, Covington, Ohio

#### 1963-1964 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

1. September—November (Due Dec. 10)	
Home Interests .....	\$1,000
2. December—February (Due Mar. 10)	
Operation SMM .....	1,000
3. March—May (Due June 10)	
Birthday Offering .....	1,500
1. Higher Education of Missionaries Children	
2. Car for Dr. Taber to use on the Field	
4. June—August (Due Sept. 10)	
Publication and Youth Council .....	1,000
For Missionary Herald expense and Youth Council general expense	_____
	4,500

#### LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

(Dates must be postmarked no later than specified date)

1. At least one cabinet meeting in the fall and one in the spring. The fall meeting for program and overall planning, and the spring one for evaluation of your own group.

2. At least one post-card item sent to the National SMM editor using the following suggested schedule, if possible:

November 1—East and Midwest

December 1—Indiana and Northern California

January 1—Michigan and Southeast

February 1—Allegheny and Iowa

March 1—Northern Atlantic and Northwest  
April 1—Southern Ohio and Southern California

May 1—Foreign Mission points with SMM's  
June 1—Mid-Atlantic and Northern Ohio

3. All National Offerings sent in by the specified date.

4. Return the local statistical blanks, one to the district secretary and one to the district patroness by July 1—keep the third one for the local files.

5. Each girl purchase her own handbook at five cents each for Little Sisters and Juniors; and ten cents each for Middlers and Seniors. These may be ordered from the national SMM literature secretary (patroness notes to all groups available and patroness handbook available for twenty-five cents.)

6. Martha Goal No. 1 be sent, as soon as completed, to the national SMM vice president, c/o Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana.

7. That SMM be presented to the church in a special service sometime during the year. This should be done in cooperation with the pastor and the church program. (Remember, April is SMM birthday month.)

8. At least 75 percent of the girls complete all Mary and Martha Goals.

#### DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.

2. A display of some activity carried out through the year to be presented at National Conference.

3. District secretary compile the statistical report, and send to the district patroness to be checked. The district patroness in turn will send one to the national secretary by July 15, keeping the other two copies for the district files.

4. District help their president, or girl representative, to come to early board meetings. (\$15 or more, considering the distance.)

5. The district patroness contact newly-organized churches, or churches without SMM's, that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We Recommend:

1. The local SMM's meeting all local organization goals be recognized as Honor SMM's.

2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.

3. That the district having the highest per capita giving to the national, district, and local will receive the honor plaque.

4. That Mrs. Thomas Inman be appointed

national SMM devotional program chairman for 1963-1964.

5. That the 1964-65 devotional program be completed and in the hands of the national SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1963.

6. That the devotional program committee for 1965-1966 be from the Northern Ohio District with Mrs. Robert Wise as chairman. And that a skeleton outline of the devotional program be sent to the national SMM devotional program chairman by December 31, 1963.

7. That Carol Welborn be appointed national SMM treasurer for 1963-1964.

8. That Rosalie Ash be appointed national SMM editor for 1963-1964.

9. That Beth Pifer be appointed national SMM literature secretary for 1963-1964, and that all supplies be ordered from her.

10. That the national board meet previous to conference 1964 and each member receive \$5 per working day present.

11. That Mrs. Carl Miller, chairman of the "Idea Book" committee, continue in this capacity for the year 1963-1964.

12. That an SMM girl of the year be selected and honored at national conference 1964.

13. That the awards for the personal goals be as follows:

For memorization of a book:

1. \$7.50 toward an SMM sweater.

2. \$7.50 toward national youth conference.

3. \$7.50 toward material ordered from the Missionary Herald.

4. Key necklace.

5. SMM travel clock.

For Seniors reading the Bible through:

1. The Amplified New Testament.

2. The Amplified Old Testament.

3. A Christian book.

4. Key necklace.

14. That the revised Constitution be presented at national board meetings 1964.

## The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers

mn.—J. Paul Miller

Chmn.—Bruce Button

y.—John Terrell

st. Secy.—W. Carl Miller

l. Secy.—Dean Risser

as.—Harold Penrose

## Minutes Tuesday, August 13

1. The devotional time began with Vernon Harris directing in a song and Henry Rempel at the piano. W. A. Ogden spoke on the subject "The Pastor, a Man of Prayer." A season of prayer followed.

2. Chairman O. D. Jobson called the first business session to order.

3. Phillip Simmons, vice chairman, reported for the Membership Committee. Motion prevailed to adopt the report as corrected.

4. Thomas Hammers reported for the Program Committee. Motion prevailed to adopt the report.

5. Introductions: William Taylor, Max DeArmey, James Custer, George Christie, Wayne Beaver, Simon-Pierre Nambozouina, Robert Firl, Robert Whited, Dr. Austin Robbins, George Johnson, William Gardner, U. L. Gingrich, Warren Mize, Gordon Austin, Simon Toroian, Edward Mensinger, Ralph Schwartz, Clay Hudson, Bill Burk.

6. Scott Weaver reported for the Nominating Committee. Motion prevailed to accept the report. (Committee was instructed to prepare ballots.)

7. Memorials: (a) for James O. Young by Chas. Thornton, W. Haller, W. Miller, Chas. Turner, G. Lingenfelter; (b) for William A. Miller by Chas. Ashman, Sr., Conard Sandy, R. D. Barnard; and (c) for Stanley Hauser by W. A. Ogden, Wm. Schaffer, Galen Lingenfelter.

8. Motion prevailed that the chairman of the Department of Church History in Grace Theological Seminary, so long as he is also a member of this Fellowship, be annually in charge of the memorial service for our brothers who have gone home to be with the Lord.

9. Forrest Jackson reported for the Brethren Youth Council.

10. Norman Uphouse reported for the Committee on Commissions. Motion prevailed to remove from the table the



purpose and plan of procedure as reported to the Fellowship last year (Wed. Aug. 15, item 5). Report was read by Robert Markley as follows (with the necessary changes):

#### SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMISSIONS

1. Meetings to be August 14, 2:30 p.m. college building.
2. Each commission will organize, electing a chairman and a recorder for one year and to stay in office until a successor is selected. A committee man will serve as temporary chairman and remain as consultant.
3. Membership will be determined and composed of those present.
4. A flexible structure will be set up embracing a problem solving situation, using brainstorming technique.
5. We recommend that the Ministerial Executive Committee request time of the 1964 Conference Executive Committee for time for meetings of the commissions early in the week.
- STEWARDSHIP—R. Ogden, Room 113. Financial structure of the church—locally and nationally
- PUBLIC Relations—L. Marvin, Room 112. Advertising, ushering, Physical Appearance of the plant
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—H. Painter, Room 110. Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Christian Day Schools, Christian higher education
- LITERATURE—T. Hammers, Room 108. Local church publications, Bulletins, Newsletters, Tracts, Denominational publications, magazines, books, papers
- YOUTH—R. Colburn, Room 11. Training Hour, camps, Brigade, SMM, district and national co-operation
- PASTORAL RELATIONS—N. Uphouse, Room 12. Ethics, calling a pastor
- SOCIAL ACTION—R. Markley, Room 10. Pronouncements relative to: Politics, morality, Sunday closing laws, Bible reading and prayer in public schools, resolutions.
- EXTENSION AND OUTREACH—G. N. Bracker, Room 101. All forms of missions

Motion prevailed to adopt the report.

11. Announcements were made and the session closed with prayer by Bernard Schneider.

#### Wednesday, August 14

1. Simon-Pierre Nambozouina spoke on the subject of the Holy Spirit (interpreted by Harold Dunning) during the devotional period. A season of prayer followed.

2. A motion prevailed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read.

3. The Membership Committee reported additional names. Motion prevailed to adopt the report.

4. Introductions: James Kohlmeyer, Ralph Schwartz, Granville Tucker, and Dale Hostetler.

5. Ballots for election were distrib-

uted. Motion prevailed that nomination be closed.

6. R. Paul Miller, Sr. reported the Board of Evangelism.

7. R. D. Barnard reported for Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Herman A. Hoyt reported Grace College and Seminary.

9. Galen Lingenfelter brought morning message on the subject of "Importance of Evangelism."

10. A motion prevailed to adjourn. Herman Hein closed with prayer.

#### Thursday, August 15

1. Bernard Schneider brought devotional message on the subject "The Pastor, a Spirit-filled Man."

2. A motion prevailed to accept minutes of the previous meeting as read.

3. Election results were reported (no election for chmn.), vice chairman Bruce Button; secretary, John Terr; assistant secretary, Carl Miller; financial secretary, Dean Risser; treasurer Harold Penrose. A vote for the chairman followed.

4. Fred Wm. Walter, treasurer, reported as follows:

National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers  
Financial Report, August 14, 1962—August 1963

Balance on hand, August 14, 1962

#### Receipts

Ministerium offering

Received through District Ministeriums in response to a special appeal.

Michigan district, Lee Crist

Northwest district, Neil Beery

Mid Atlantic district, William E. Howard

Southern Ohio District, Charles E. Gantt

Southeast district, Lester Kennedy

East district, Ralph Burns

Northern Atlantic district, John Kauffman

Southern Calif.-Ariz. District, Theodore

Malaimare

Indiana district, A. Rollin Sandy

Total receipts

Total receipts and balance

#### Disbursements

Grace College

Brethren Missionary Herald Company

Total disbursements

Balance on hand August 14, 1963

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Wm. Walter, treas.

Howard Vulgamore, fin. secy.

A motion prevailed to adopt the report.

5. A motion prevailed that an annual membership fee of \$2 be established to care for the expenses of the National

Ministerium.

A motion prevailed that the new Membership Committee make the necessary regulations to care for the collection of this fee.

A motion prevailed that an offering be received to care for the expenses of this year.

Sam Horney was elected chairman.

Introductions: Stacey Shenton, Ed Burns, and Ralph Wiley.

10. The Membership Committee presented an additional report. A motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

11. L. L. Grubb reported for the Brethren Home Missions Council.

12. Wm. Schaffer reported for the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits.

13. Bill Smith brought a message on the subject of "The Implements of Evangelism."

14. A report of the Special Study Committee as to its planned procedure was presented as follows:

a) The purpose of this project is to conduct an inductive study of the doctrine of the Church and Its Ministry with every member of the fellowship participating.

b) The study will be conducted on the district level under the supervision of the district representative(s) to the National Study Committee.

c) Each minister is free to explore any area of the Biblical teaching regarding the general subject.

d) A composite report will be formulated by the district ministerium utilizing the best work and most significant contributions that the district has to make.

e) The National Study Committee will study the complete record and give a progress report next year to the National Ministerium.

f) It is suggested that each man approach the task with an open mind and complete dependence upon God to speak to the church through His Word.

(g) Every minister is encouraged to submit the fruit of his careful and prayerful study.

A motion prevailed to receive the report.

15. A motion prevailed to adjourn. O. D. Jobson, chairman, closed with prayer.

### Friday, August 16

1. Scott Weaver brought the devotional message on the subject of "The Pastor, a Soul-Winner." A season of prayer followed.

2. A motion prevailed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read.

3. A request came from Sam Horney, newly elected chairman, that he be relieved of the position because of health reasons. An election for a chairman followed.

4. Introduction: Curtis Mitchell.

5. Richard Grant reported for the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

6. The new chairman just elected—J. Paul Miller.

7. Harold Etling reported for the National Sunday School Board.

8. Bob Collitt spoke on the subject of "The Present Situation in the Brethren Church in Relation to Evangelism."

9. A motion prevailed that the Special Study Committee maintain its present constituency with its officers, and that representatives leaving districts work for one year with the newly appointed member from the district. New officers (chairman and secretary) of the National Ministerium will be ex-officio members.

10. The new executive committee presented the following committees: Program Committee, Harold Dunning (chmn.), Gordon Bracker, Bernard Schneider. Nominating Committee, Charles Turner (chmn.), Robert Kliever, Jack Peters. Committee on Commissions to continue as appointed in 1961. A motion prevailed to approve these committees.

11. A report of the program commit-



tee was made by Thomas Hammers as follows:

We have just learned that Professor John Whitcomb had been requested to prepare a paper to be read before the 1962 ministerium on the subject: "The Purpose and Place of the Brethren Church in the Evangelical Movement." His paper, however, was set aside to make room on last year's program for other matters.

Dr. Whitcomb is now doing additional work on this paper, which when completed will be from twenty to twenty five pages in length, double spaced.

Since he had been requested to prepare this paper and since there is no available time on this year's program for his paper, we would recommend that this ministerium have this paper mimeographed and mailed to the members of this organization.

A motion prevailed that this recommendation be adopted.

12. A motion prevailed to adjourn. J. Paul Miller closed with prayer.

### Saturday, August 17

1. Kenneth Ashman brought the devotional message on the subject of "The Pastor, a True Pastor of His People." A season of prayer followed.

2. A motion prevailed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read and clarified.

3. Norman Uphouse reported for the Committee on Commissions as follows:

Four commissions met with approximately six persons in each group. Discussions were pertinent to the designated interest fields. These four groups were Stewardship, Youth, Literature, and Social Action. No combined report of results is available now, but some resolutions were formulated to be presented at the proper place later.

Four commissions did not have sufficient response to warrant meetings. These were: Public Relations, Christian Education, Pastoral Relations, and Extension or Missions.

We found that we were competing with several announced meetings. Therefore it was felt that the low attendance was not entirely due to lack of interest, but somewhat due to the pressure of other duties, or commitments.

We believe the proposed study groups could constitute a valuable adjunct to this body, but only as the men wish to make it so. Men are going to talk, why not utilize some of the ideas. It would seem wise to lock the barn before the horse disappears.

Time should be provided for meetings next year which will give us another chance to make it work better.

A motion prevailed to receive this report.

4. A panel discussion was held at this time on the theme: "Evangelism, Key to Growth in The Brethren Church," Galen Lingenfelter (chmn.),

Leo Polman, Bill Smith.

5. A motion prevailed to express appreciation to Scripture Press for the fine window display during the time of our conference and ask our secretary to convey this to them by letter.

6. A motion prevailed to send a letter of greeting to Dr. Alva J. McClary.

7. A motion prevailed that our chairman and secretary formulate the official greeting of our National Fellowship Brethren Ministers to be carried by Simon-Pierre Nambozouina back to our fellow pastors in the Central African Republic.

8. A motion prevailed to approve the minutes of this meeting as read.

9. A motion prevailed to adjourn. The new chairman, J. Paul Miller, closed with prayer.

Gerald Polman, secretary

### National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Pres.—Kenneth R. Kohler, 1209 Princeton St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.

V. Pres.—Herbert L. Edwards, 101 Union Rd., Dayton, Ohio.

Secy.—Ralph Grady, R.R. 1, Waterloo, Iowa.

Treas.—Ben C. Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Ind.

Editor—Kenneth E. Herman, 108 Third St., Winona Lake, Ind.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate the worship of Almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and our Savior in accordance with His Holy Word, the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible.

2. Promote Christian fellowship among men of The Brethren Church.

3. Effect an organization of Brethren

laymen, banded together by the  
 nds of Christ's love to spread the  
 ospel far and wide. To encourage  
 en to work in close cooperation with  
 eir pastor under the direction of the  
 oly Spirit in the privilege that is ours  
 being co-laborers with Jesus Christ.

## Goals

o encourage—

1. The daily reading, studying, and  
 distribution of the Book of books, the  
 ble.

2. Witnessing for Christ, our Sav-  
 uthrough personal visitation, evan-  
 gelistic rallies, and tract distribution.

3. The wholehearted support of our  
 cal church, pastor, and our local, dis-  
 ct, and national boards.

4. The laymen in all our churches in  
 e formation of laymen's organizations  
 d boy's clubs.

## Projects

Scholarship Fund*	\$2,312.16
Board of Evangelism	3,500.00
General Fund	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,812.16</b>

e will receive \$188.84 in interest from the  
 uested funds to which we will add \$312.16  
 make up the gift of five \$100.00 scholarships  
 ranted by the laymen.

## 1963 Conference Notes

Sessions 121 through 124 were held  
 the Rainbow Room of the West-  
 inster Hotel at Winona Lake, Ind.  
 ssion 125 was held in the chapel at  
 ace Seminary. The sessions were well  
 tended with an average attendance  
 t all five meetings of 84. There were  
 en churches and 11 districts represent-  
 . Offerings for the week, which were  
 signated for the general fund totaled  
 \$29.09. The annual Laymen-Pastor's  
 eakfast was held on Friday morning,  
 ugust 16, with 156 in attendance.

Speakers for all sessions again this  
 ar were laymen. They included our  
 resident, Ken Kohler, George Mc-  
 ueen, Don Spangler, Hobard Roark,

and Russel Dunlap. With the excep-  
 tion of Mr. Roark, all are Brethren lay-  
 men who brought inspiring messages  
 based on the theme, "To me to live is  
 Christ."

## FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1962 to July 31, 1963

Balance brought forward	\$ 115.91
Receipts for the year	2,802.36
Disbursements	2,785.90

Balance	132.37
Disbursement breakdowns	
Board of Evangelism	604.63
General Fund	987.48
Scholarship Fund	1,193.79

2,785.90

### General Fund breakdown:

Brethren Foreign Missions	79.94
Brethren Youth Council	169.34
Brethren Missionary Herald	120.39
Brethren Home Missions	1.83
Westminster Hotel	25.00
Grace College—balance due on five	
\$100 scholarships	362.18
Travel Expense—officers	65.46
Postage, printing, etc.	133.62
Stanley Tam honorarium	15.00
James Knepper	14.72

987.48

Note: A total of \$362.18 was paid from the  
 general fund for our five \$100 scholarships. The  
 balance of \$137.82 due was received from the  
 money currently on deposit at the Brethren  
 Investment Foundation. All laymen's groups are  
 urged to give liberally this year to the general  
 fund inasmuch as \$312.16 must be paid from it  
 toward the scholarships awarded to Grace  
 students.

Total amount in the Scholarship Fund, cur-  
 rently on deposit at the Brethren Investment  
 Foundation \$4,432.51

The amount of \$604.63 received for the Board  
 of Evangelism does not include the gifts sent  
 direct to this board from laymen's groups and  
 churches.

## National Sunday School Board

P. O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana

Pres.—James G. Dixon ('65)

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Secy.—Vernon Harris ('65)

Treas.—John Burns ('66)

Director—Harold Etling ('66)

Office Mgr.—Miss Bobbette Osborn

Bookkeeper—Mr. Robert A. Russell

Board members listed on page 4.

All correspondence relating to Sunday  
 school work should be addressed to  
 The National Sunday School Board,  
 Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590



**Brethren Youth Council**  
**Box 617, Winona Lake, Indiana**

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Council Members listed on page 4

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# DISTRICT CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

## ALLEGHENY

### **Allegheny Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next annual conference: Uniontown,  
June 29, 30 and July 1, 1964.

### **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Kenneth Wilt  
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Secy.—Mrs. John Hottle  
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### **WFBBC Executive Committee**

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### **Committee on Committees**

Richard Placeway  
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### **Credentials**

Shimer Darr  
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Robert Weaver  
R. J. Ullom  
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Leonard Bennett  
Stenson Edenfield

### **Women's Missionary Council**

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Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Bruce Rosner  
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Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Shimer Darr  
District Editor—Mrs. Glenn Herring



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*Vice Moderator*



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THEIR  
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### **Moderator's Address**

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### **Resolutions**

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### **Cooperating Churches**

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Aleppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren  
Grafton, W. Va.—First Brethren  
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Stoystown, Pa.—Reading Brethren  
Uniontown, Pa.—First Brethren  
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## **EAST**

### **The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next annual conference: July 20-22.

### **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Dean I. Walter  
V. Mod.—Don Rager  
Secy.—Fred Wm. Walter  
R.R. 4, Kittanning, Pa.  
Asst. Secy.—Ralph S. Burns  
Treas.—H. Don Rough  
Stat.—Miss Rose Snyder  
Member at Large—Clair Gartland,  
William H. Schaffer

### **NFBC Executive Committee**

Ralph S. Burns  
H. Don Rough

### **Auditors**

Clair Beach  
Blair Dick  
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### **Committee on Committees**

James Sweeton  
Randall Poyner  
Fred Wm. Walter

### **Credentials**

Sheldon Snyder  
Victor Rogers  
Glenn Byers

### **Ministerial Examining Board**

Chmn.—William H. Schaffer  
V. Chmn.—James Sweeton  
Secy.—Fred Wm. Walter  
All active ordained pastors of the tract.

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Secy.-Treas.—Victor S. Rogers  
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 Robert Christopher  
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 Ward Parks  
 Lint  
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### **Nominating Committee**

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 or S. Rogers  
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### **Rules and Organization**

H. Schaffer  
 dall Poyner  
 Gartland

### **Women's Missionary Council**

—Mrs. Don Rager  
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 V. Pres.—Mrs. William Schaffer  
 —Mrs. Fred Walter  
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### **Ministerium—**

nn.—Victor S. Rogers  
 Chmn.—H. Don Rough  
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### **Moderator's Address**

nn.—Ralph S. Burns  
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### **Resolutions**

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### **Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**

Pres.—Ruth Ann Rogers  
 V. Pres.—Nancy Miller  
 Secy.—Linda Lingenfelter  
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Pres.—Randall Poyner  
 V. Pres.—John Terrell  
 Secy.—Treas.—Clair Gartland  
 R.R.1, Box 288, Conemaugh, Pa.  
 Asst. Secy.—Treas.—Miss Rose Snyder  
 All active pastors of the district

### **Cooperating Churches**

Altoona, Pa.—First Brethren  
 Altoona, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
 Conemaugh, Pa.—Conemaugh Brethren  
 Conemaugh, Pa.—Pike Brethren  
 Conemaugh, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace  
 Brethren  
 Duncansville, Pa.—Leamersville Grace  
 Brethren  
 Everett, Pa.—Everett Grace Brethren  
 Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg Breth-  
 ren  
 Hopewell, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
 Jefferson Center, Pa.—Calvary Breth-  
 ren  
 Johnstown, Pa.—First Brethren  
 Johnstown, Pa.—Geistown Grace Breth-  
 ren  
 Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren  
 Kittanning, Pa.—First Brethren  
 Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo Breth-  
 ren  
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## **INDIANA**

Indiana Fellowship of  
 Brethren Churches



Next annual conference: Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Indiana, April 9-11, 1964

### **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Scott Weaver  
V. Mod.—Kenneth Russell  
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1918 East Edison Rd., South Bend, Ind. 46617  
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### **NFBC Executive Committee**

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### **Committee on Committees**

Gordon Bracker  
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### **Laymen**

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### **Ministerial Examining Board**

Chmn.—R. Paul Miller  
V. Chmn.—Dean Fetterhoff  
Secy.—Robert Burns

### **District Mission Board**

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All pastors of district  
Robert Ervin  
Herman Schumacher

### **Rules and Organization**

Charles Ashman  
Ralph Hall  
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### **Women's Missionary Council**

Pres.—Mrs. Herman Schumacher  
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. Chalmer Smitley  
Secy.—Mrs. Melvin Fisher  
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Treas.—Mrs. Richard Leek  
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Prayer Chmn.—Miss Florence Bicke  
SMM Patroness—Mrs. Scott Weaver  
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. George Lord,  
District Editor—Mrs. Robert Deloe

### **Ministerium**

Chmn.—Mark Malles  
V. Chmn.—Scott Weaver  
Secy.-Treas.—A Rollin Sandy  
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Kenneth Koon

### **Moderator's Address**

Chmn.—Kenneth Russell  
Kenneth Koontz  
James Kohlmeyer

### **Resolutions**

Dean Fetterhoff  
Glen Crabb

### **Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**

Pres.—Leanne Ervin  
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Secy.—Deana Quine  
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Treas.—Sarah Bracker  
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### **Cooperating Churches**

Berne—Bethel Brethren  
Clay City—First Brethren  
Elkhart—Grace Brethren  
Flora—Grace Brethren  
Fort Wayne—First Brethren  
Fort Wayne—Grace Brethren  
Goshen—Grace Brethren  
Kokomo—Indian Heights Brethren  
Leesburg—Leesburg Brethren  
Osceola—Bethel Brethren  
Peru—Peru Brethren

ney—Sidney Brethren  
 uth Bend—Ireland Road Brethren  
 arshaw—Warsaw Community Grace  
 Brethren  
 neaton, Ill.—Grace Brethren  
 nona Lake—Winona Lake Brethren

## IOWA

### Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Dallas Cen-  
 Iowa, June 26, 27, 1964

#### Executive Committee

od.—Glen Welborn  
 Mod.—W. Wayne Baker  
 y.—Mrs. Ray Andrew  
 R.R. 1, Leon, Iowa  
 eas.—Ralph Grady  
 R.R. 1, Waterloo, Iowa  
 t.—Robert Whited

#### WFB Executive Committee

W. Wayne Baker

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 n Welborn

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s.—Ralph Grady  
 y.—Treas.—Lloyd Wenger  
 Minburn, Iowa

### Ministerial Examining Board

Chmn.—W. Wayne Baker  
 V. Chmn.—Robert Whited  
 Secy.—Glen Welborn

### District Mission Board

Chmn.—Glen Welborn  
 V. Chmn.—John Aeby  
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 Ray Andrew  
 William Faas  
 Ralph Morgan  
 Orin Cooper  
 Ervin Lortz  
 Active pastors of district

### Women's Missionary Council

Pres.—Mrs. Ray Andrew  
 1st V. Pres.—Mrs. Jesse Deloe  
 Secy.—Mrs. Russell Carter  
 Dallas Center, Iowa  
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 722 Western Ave., Waterloo, Iowa  
 Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. John Aeby  
 SMM Patroness—Mrs. Leonard  
 Rousselow  
 Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Don Ciha  
 District Editor—Mrs. V. W. Schrock

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Chmn.—Quentin Matthes  
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 Lloyd Wenger

### Resolutions

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 Cleve Miller  
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### Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Pres.—Sally Schrock  
 V. Pres.—Jane Aeby  
 Secy.—Marlys Lortz  
 Williamsburg, Iowa  
 Treas.—Carolyn McCampbell  
 Waterloo, Iowa  
 Patroness—Mrs. Leonard Rousselow  
 Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Don Ciha



## **Youth**

Pres.—Tom Grady  
V. Pres.—Loren Malone  
Secy.—Barbara Kouba  
Toledo, Iowa  
Music—Linda Langham  
Publicity—Pat Bisek

## **Cooperating Churches**

Cedar Rapids—Grace Brethren  
Dallas Center—First Brethren  
Davenport—Grace Brethren  
Des Moines—The Brethren Church  
Garwin—Carlton Brethren  
Leon—Leon Brethren  
North English—Pleasant Grove Brethren  
Waterloo—Grace Brethren  
Winona, Minn.—Grace Brethren

# **MICHIGAN**

## **Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next annual conference: Ozark Grace Brethren Church, Ozark, Mich., November 28-30, 1963

## **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Gerald Kelley  
Secy.—Raymond Burgess  
810 Prudden Building, Lansing 16, Mich.  
Treas.—Loren Gray  
Alto, Mich.  
Stat.—Russell Sarver  
Members at Large—Robert Poirier,  
Clarence Taylor

## **NFBC Executive Committee**

J. Ward Tressler

## **Committee on Committees**

Earl Funderburg  
Gilbert Hawkins  
Charles Lawson

## **Camp**

Gerald Kelley  
J. Ward Tressler

## **Ministerial Examining Board**

Chmn.—Gilbert Hawkins  
Secy.—J. Ward Tressler  
Earl Funderburg

## **District Mission Board**

Chmn.—Gerald Kelley  
Secy.—J. Ward Tressler  
Treas.—Raymond Burgess

## **Women's Missionary Council**

Pres.—Mrs. Charles Flowers  
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. Ted Titus  
2d V. Pres.—Mrs. Mensinger  
Secy.—Mrs. Carl Erb  
R.R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.  
Treas.—Mrs. Carl Erb  
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Myrtle Reed  
SMM Patroness—Mrs. Gerald Kelley

## **Ministerium**

Chmn.—Charles Flowers  
Secy.—Charles Lawson

## **Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**

Pres.—Marcia Goff  
V. Pres.—Karen Burgess  
Secy.—Treas.—Paula Nowall  
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## **Youth**

Gerald Kelley  
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Charles Flowers  
Gilbert Hawkins  
Charles Lawson  
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Simon Toroian  
J. Ward Tressler

## **Cooperating Churches**

Alto—Calvary Brethren  
Berrien Springs—Grace Brethren  
Hastings—Grace Brethren  
Jackson—Grace Brethren  
Lake Odessa—Grace Brethren  
Lansing—Grace Brethren  
New Troy—New Troy Brethren  
Ozark—Grace Brethren

## MID-ATLANTIC

### Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Martinsburg,  
West Virginia, May 15 and 16, 1964.

#### *Executive Committee*

Mod.—Paul E. Dick  
Secy.—Irvin B. Miller  
Treas.—J. Edw. Cordell, Jr.  
1 N. Potomac St., Waynesboro, Pa.  
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Treas.—Ralph H. Fitz  
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—John J. Burns

#### *FBC Executive Committee*

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Warren E. Tamkin

#### *Committee on Committees*

Paul E. Dick  
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#### *Credentials*

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Md.

#### *Ministerial Examining Board*

Regularly ordained ministers of the  
district.

#### *Nominating Committee*

Paul E. Dick  
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Robert D. Crees

#### *Sunday School Committee*

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Win P. Munch  
John J. Burns

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Pres.—Mrs. James G. Dixon  
1st. V. Pres.—Mrs. Jane Allen  
2d V. Pres.—Mrs. Olive Vance  
Secy.—Mrs. Leonard Shingleton  
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Treas.—Mrs. Roy Shirey  
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Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Bruce Finfrock  
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Treas.—Jack K. Peters  
Exec. Secy.—Robert D. Crees

### *Ministerium*

Chmn.—Warren E. Tamkin  
V. Chmn.—W. A. Ogden  
Secy.—Treas.—Robert D. Crees  
Treas.—Paul E. Dick

### *Moderator's Address*

Chmn.—Warren E. Tamkin  
W. A. Ogden

### *Resolutions*

Robert D. Crees  
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### *Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

Pres.—Vicki Anne Shirey  
V. Pres.—Cheryl Kelly  
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Treas.—Eugenia Swain  
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### *Youth*

Jack K. Peters  
Irvin B. Miller  
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### *Cooperating Churches*

Alexandria, Va.—Commonwealth  
Avenue Brethren  
Hagerstown, Md.—Calvary Brethren  
Hagerstown, Md.—Gay Street Brethren  
Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren  
Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont  
Brethren  
Seven Fountains, Va.—Trinity Brethren  
Washington, D. C.—First Brethren



Washington, D. C.—Grace Brethren  
Church of Greater Washington  
Waynesboro, Pa.—First Brethren  
Winchester, Va.—First Brethren

## MIDWEST

### Midwest District of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Albuquerque, New Mexico

#### *Executive Committee*

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Secy.—Miss Doris Shrauger  
Box 287, Beaver City, Nebr.  
Treas.—Margie Hopkins  
Stat.—Dorothy Hostetler

#### *NFBC Executive Committee*

Robert Salazar

#### *Committee on Committees*

Dayton Cundiff  
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#### *Credentials*

Russell Williams  
Sam Horney

#### *Laymen*

Pres.—James Olive  
V. Pres.—Russell West  
Secy.—Treas.—Rodger Lucero  
Editor—Steve Sturtevant

#### *Ministerial Examining Board*

All active ordained pastors of the district

#### *District Mission Board*

All pastors  
John Salazar  
Harry Skinner  
Stanley Shrauger  
Jim Olive  
Russell West

Amarante Romero  
Wendall Cram

#### *Nominating Committee*

Maurice Davis  
Fern Bodge  
Helen Maestes

#### *Women's Missionary Council*

Pres.—Mrs. Russell Williams  
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. Larry Wedertz  
2d V. Pres.—Mrs. Maurice Davis  
Secy.—Mrs. James Olive  
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Treas.—Mrs. Florimel Maestas  
Taos, N. Mex.  
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Doris Harper  
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Mensinger  
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Dale Hostetler  
District Editor—Mrs. Tom Inman

#### *Ministerium*

Chmn.—Thomas F. Inman

#### *Resolutions*

Edward Mensinger  
Mrs. C. Lackey  
John Salazar

#### *Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

Pres.—Lonell Olive  
V. Pres.—Ruth Lackey  
Secy.—Linda Baker  
1911 East 18th, Cheyenne, Wyo.  
Treas.—Diane Beavers  
420 So. Decatur, Denver 19, Col.  
Patroness—Mrs. Edward Mensinger  
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Dale Hostetler

#### *Youth*

Robert Salazar  
Clarence Lackey  
Ted Sisneros  
Miss Helen Young

#### *Cooperating Churches*

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Grace  
Brethren  
Arvada, Colc.—Symphony Grace  
Brethren Church  
Beaver City, Nebr.—Grace Brethren

eyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren  
nver, Colo.—Grace Brethren  
rtis, Kans.—First Brethren  
os, N. Mex.—Canon Brethren

## NO. ATLANTIC

### Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: River Val-  
Ranch, Millers, Maryland, May 21-  
1964

#### *Executive Committee*

od.—Edward Lewis  
Mod.—Robert Griffith  
y.—Mrs. John S. Neely  
1170 Wolf St., Fullerton, Pa. 18052  
st. Secy.—Miss Wilda Clift  
as.—John Kauffman  
R.R. 1, Box 405, Harrisburg, Pa.  
t.—George Wilhelm  
548 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa.

#### *IFBC Executive Committee*

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#### *Committee on Committees*

ward Lewis  
nes Knepper  
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#### *Credentials*

bert Griffith  
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#### *Camp*

bert Kern  
bert Griffith

#### *Paymen*

s.—George Wilhelm  
Pres.—William Hetrick  
z.—Allen Zook  
Chocolate Ave., Hershey, Pa.  
Secy.—Robert Hykes  
30 Hellam St., Wrightsville, Pa.  
s.—Donald Misner  
R. 6, York, Pa.

#### *Ministerial Examining Board*

Chmn.—William Steffler  
V. Chmn.—John Neely  
Secy.—Robert Griffith  
All ordained pastors of the district.

#### *District Mission Board*

Chmn.—William Tweeddale  
V. Chmn.—Herman Koontz  
Secy.—William H. Hetrick  
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Pa.  
Treas.—Warren W. Diffenderfer  
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#### *Nominating Committee*

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Edward Wells  
Glenn Stauffer

#### *Rules and Organization*

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John Neely  
Kenneth Kohler

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Treas.—Mrs. John Kauffman  
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District Editor—Mrs. Joseph Miller

#### *Ministerium*

Chmn.—William Steffler  
V. Chmn.—John S. Neely  
Secy.—Robert Griffith

#### *Resolutions*

Robert Griffith  
George Wilhelm  
Allen Zook

#### *Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*

Pres.—Sue Adcock  
V. Pres.—Barbara Boyer  
Secy.—Sandy Jacobs  
Lincoln St., York, Pa.



Treas.—Mary E. Knepper  
R.R. 4, York, Pa.  
Patroness—Mrs. James Knepper  
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Ernest Ringler  
Jr. Representative—Sandy Baer

### **Youth**

Pastor and Mrs. Robert Griffith  
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Pastor and Mrs. William Tweeddale

### **Newspaper Exploration**

Mrs. Joseph Miller  
Mrs. John Adcock

### **Cooperating Churches**

Allentown, Pa.—First Brethren  
Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens  
Grace Brethren  
Hatboro, Pa.—Suburban Brethren  
Lancaster, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Manheim, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Palmyra, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren  
Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren  
York, Pa.—Grace Brethren

## **NOR-CAL**

### **NOR-CAL Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next annual conference: Mount Hermon, California, July 5-11, 1964

### **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Lyle Marvin  
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4613 McDonald Dr., Sacramento,  
Calif. 95821  
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**Ministerial Examining Board**  
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Secy.—Conard Sandy

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Chmn.—Kenneth Holgate  
Pastor and one layman from each  
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**Women's Missionary Council**  
Pres.—Mrs. Arthur Pekarek  
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. Floyd Collins  
2d V. Pres.—Mrs. Loren Zook  
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1905 College Ave., Modesto, Ca  
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Agnes Clough  
SMM Patroness—Miss Clara Garber  
District Editor—Mrs. Max William

**Ministerium**  
Chmn.—J. Paul Miller

**Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**  
Pres.—Sharon Allen  
V. Pres.—Mary Lee Miller  
Secy.—Treas.—Judy Pekarek  
1435 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.  
Patroness—Miss Clara Garber  
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Louise Buck

**Cooperating Churches**  
Chico—Grace Brethren  
Modesto—Community Grace Brethren  
Modesto—La Loma Grace Brethren  
Sacramento, Calif.—Grace Brethren  
San Jose, Calif.—Grace Brethren  
Tracy, Calif.—First Brethren

## **NO. OHIO**

**Northern Ohio District Fellowship  
of Brethren Churches**

ext annual conference: First Breth-  
Church, Canton, Ohio

#### **Executive Committee**

—W. Russell Ogden  
Mod.—R. Paul Miller, Jr.  
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Secy.—Wesley Haller  
s.—Vernon Harris  
—Earle Cole  
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Ohio

#### **FBC Executive Committee**

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on Harris

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les Turner  
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ert Markley  
ville Tucker

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ey Haller

#### **ymen**

—Fred Peters  
res.—Robert Spahr  
-Treas.—Paul Corral  
11 Orange Hill, Ashland, Ohio  
oral Adviser—Rev. Robert Markley  
s Adviser—Jim Miller

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—Gerald Teeter  
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Chmn.—Lee Crist  
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#### **Resolutions**

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Clair Brubaker  
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Richard Holmes

#### **Cooperating Churches**

Akron—Fairlawn Brethren  
Akron—First Brethren  
Ankenytown—First Brethren



Ashland—Grace Brethren  
 Canton—Grace Brethren  
 Cleveland—First Brethren  
 Cuyahoga Falls—Grace Brethren  
 Danville—Danville Brethren  
 Elyria—Grace Brethren  
 Findlay—Findlay Brethren  
 Fremont—Brethren Chapel  
 Fremont—Grace Brethren  
 Galion—Grace Brethren  
 Homerville—West Homer Brethren  
 Mansfield—Grace Brethren  
 Mansfield—Woodville Grace Brethren  
 Middlebranch—First Brethren  
 Norton Village—First Brethren  
 Rittman—First Brethren  
 Sterling—First Brethren  
 Wooster, Ohio—First Brethren

## NORTHWEST

### Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next annual conference: Albany,  
Oregon, February 26-28, 1964

#### *Executive Committee*

Mod.—Howard Mayes  
 V. Mod.—George Christie  
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 628 San Clemente Ave., Sunnyside,  
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 Stat.—Clair Floyd  
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 Mel Grimm

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#### *Auditors*

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 Mel Grimm

### *Committee on Committees*

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 Don Farner  
 Bob Ingalsbe

#### *Credentials*

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 James White

#### *Camp*

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 Carl Miller

#### *Laymen*

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 V. Pres. (Mem.)—Earl Murray  
 V. Pres. (Prog.)—Ken Belles  
 V. Pres. (Boy's Work)—Lloyd Kurfm  
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#### *Ministerial Examining Board*

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**Home for the Aged**  
Jack Marshall  
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Chmn.—George Christie  
Chmn.—Nelson Hall  
Secy.—Treas.—Neil Beery  
Asst. Secy.—Treas.—Carl Miller

**Moderator's Address**  
Chmn.—George Christie  
Don Farner  
Emer Waller

**Resolutions**  
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**Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**  
Pres.—Sharon Baene  
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Project Chmn.—Bette Ann Schacht  
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Pres.—Phillip Simmons  
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Secy.—Harold Peugh  
Harrah, Wash.  
Treas.—Howard Mayes  
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**Cooperating Churches**  
Albany, Ore.—Grace Brethren  
Grandview, Wash.—First Brethren  
Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren  
Portland, Ore.—Grace Brethren  
Seattle, Wash.—View Ridge Brethren  
Spokane, Wash.—First Brethren  
Sunnyside, Wash.—First Brethren  
Toppenish, Wash.—Grace Brethren  
Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren

## SO. CALIF.-ARIZ.

Southern California-Arizona  
District Conference

Next annual conference: North Long  
Beach Brethren Church, May 12-16,  
1964



### **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Robert McCormick  
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Treas.—Robert Thompson  
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Raymond Thompson

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### **District Mission Board**

The pastors and one layman from each  
church

### **Nominating Committee**

Chmn.—Ward Miller  
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Douglas Bray  
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Clifford Yocky

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Elias White

### **Women's Missionary Council**

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2d V. Pres.—Maoma Nunn  
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### **Ministerium**

Chmn.—Harold Penrose  
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Treas.—Henry Dalke

### **Moderator's Address**

Chmn.—Henry Dalke  
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## **Constitutional Revision**

Chmn.—Raymond Thompson  
Robert Hill  
Robert McCormick  
Robert Flory

## **Cooperating Churches**

Alhambra—Grace Brethren Community  
Alhambra—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—Cherry Valley Brethren  
Alhambra—Bell Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—Gardena Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—La Habra Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—Los Altos Brethren  
Alhambra—North Long Beach Brethren  
Alhambra—Community Brethren  
Alhambra—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—Norwalk Brethren  
Alhambra—Paramount Brethren  
Alhambra, Ariz.—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—Rialto Brethren  
Alhambra—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren  
Alhambra—Fremont Avenue Brethren  
Alhambra—Temple City Brethren  
Alhambra, Ariz.—Silverbell Grace Brethren  
Alhambra—West Covina Brethren  
Alhambra—Westminster Brethren  
Alhambra—Community Brethren  
Alhambra—First Brethren

## **SOUTHEAST**

### **Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next annual conference: Buena Vista, Va., May 4 through 6, 1964

#### **Executive Committee**

Mod.—Lester Kennedy  
V. Mod.—Wendell Kent  
Secy.—Mrs. Dean Risser  
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Asst. Secy.—Mrs. Wendell Kent  
Treas.—Harold Arrington  
203 Plymouth Lane, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Stat.—Dean Risser

#### **NFBC Executive Committee**

Ralph Colburn  
Wendell Kent

#### **Committee on Committees**

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#### **Credentials**

K. E. Richardson  
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#### **District Insurance**

K. E. Richardson

#### **Laymen**

Pres.—Earl M. Key  
V. Pres.—Elwood L. Kingery  
Secy.-Treas.—Cliff Richmond  
4122 Belle Meade Dr., Roanoke, Va.

#### **Ministerial Examining Board**

Chmn.—Henry Radford  
V. Chmn.—Wendell Kent  
Secy.—Lester Kennedy  
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#### **Board of Trustees**

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### **Women's Missionary Council**

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Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. Henry Radford  
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Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Wendell Kent  
District Editor—Mrs. Lois Henry  
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Virginia Beach, Va.

### **Ministerium**

Chmn.—Henry Radford  
V. Chmn.—Wendell Kent  
Secy.-Treas.—Lester Kennedy  
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Charles Thornton

### **Moderator's Address**

Chmn.—Charles Thornton  
S. M. Coffey  
Earl Key

### **Resolutions**

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Henry Radford

### **Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**

Pres.—Janice Campbell  
V. Pres.—Joyce Loan  
Secy.-Treas.—Patti Armentrout  
Indian Valley, Covington, Va.  
Patroness—Mrs. Charles Martin  
Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Wendell Kent

### **Youth**

Pres.—John Burnette  
V. Pres.—Brenda Jobe  
Secy.—Patti Armentrout  
Indian Valley, Covington, Va.  
Treas.—Janice Campbell

### **Cooperating Churches**

Boone's Mill, Va.—Grace Brethren  
Buena Vista, Va.—First Brethren  
Covington, Va.—First Brethren  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—Grace Brethren  
Hollins, Va.—Patterson Memorial  
Brethren  
Johnson City, Tenn.—Grace Brethren  
Limestone, Tenn.—Vernon Brethren  
Margate, Fla.—Grace Brethren  
Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren  
Riner, Va.—Grace Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Garden City Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights  
Brethren  
Virginia Beach, Va.—Grace Brethren

## **SO. OHIO**

### **Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches**

Next annual conference: First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio, 12-14, 1964

### **Executive Committee**

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Harvey Skiles

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Everett Caes

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Lon Karns

#### **Committee on Committees**

erman Hein  
William Gray  
Russell Ward

#### **Ministerial Examining Board**

Chmn.—Russell Ward  
Chmn.—William Gray  
Secy.—Larry Gegner  
The Ministerial Examining Board shall  
be composed of all regularly ordained  
ministers in good standing who are pastors  
of Brethren churches within the district.

#### **District Mission Board**

Chmn.—William Gray  
Chmn.—Lon Karns  
Secy.-Treas.—Herbert Edwards  
The Board is composed of all active  
pastors in the district, together with  
three elected laymen:  
William Reeder  
Arnold Helstern  
Roger Shaw

#### **Nominating Committee**

Chmn.—Russell Ward  
Everett Caes  
Russell Harn

#### **Rules and Organization**

Chmn.—Wm. Gray  
Forrest Jackson  
Frank Gardner

#### **Sunday School Committee**

Chmn.—Sherwood Durkee  
Henry Barnhart  
Leb Zimmerman

#### **Women's Missionary Council**

Pres.—Mrs. Ralph Zimmerman  
1st V. Pres.—Mrs. Wesley Hieb  
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Oaks Rd., Dayton, Ohio  
Prayer Chmn.—Mrs. William Gray  
SMM Patroness—Mrs. John Shipley  
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District Editor—Mrs. Everett Caes

#### **Home for the Aged**

Lon Karns  
Everett Caes  
Clair Brickel

#### **Ministerium**

Chmn.—Clair Brickel  
V. Chmn.—Sherwood Durkee  
Secy.-Treas.—Charles Gantt  
Asst. Secy.-Treas.—Frank Gardner

#### **Moderator's Address**

Chmn.—Clair Brickel  
Robert Dell  
Horace Mohler

#### **Resolutions**

Chmn.—Charles Gantt  
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#### **Sisterhood of Mary and Martha**

Pres.—Sue Spurance  
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Secy.—Roberta Estep  
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#### **Youth**

Forrest Jackson ('64)  
Everett Caes ('65)  
Frank Gardner ('66)

#### **Cooperating Churches**

Brookville—Grace Brethren  
Camden—First Brethren  
Centerville—Centerville Brethren  
Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren



Clayton—First Brethren  
Covington—First Brethren  
Dayton—Basore Road Grace Brethren  
Dayton—First Brethren  
Dayton—Grace Brethren  
Dayton—Huber Heights Brethren  
Dayton—North Riverdale Brethren  
Dayton—Patterson Park Brethren  
Dryhill, Ky.—Brethren Chapel  
Englewood—Englewood Grace  
Brethren  
Kettering—Calvary Brethren  
Sinking Springs—Grace Brethren  
Trotwood—Grace Brethren  
Troy—Grace Brethren  
Vandalia—Grace Brethren  
West Alexandria—Grace Brethren  
Community

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ZIP 85018

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Church (38)  
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(Tel. 623-3388) (Leave Freeway  
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church)  
Mrs. Lloyd L. West, 4020 E. Monte-  
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Mrs. Joyce Baer, 131 Midway Manor

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656)  
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 Harold Robinson, 630 Saratoga St.

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 HE 2-5384)  
 Dorothea Humphreville, 5450 Ab-  
 beyfield St., Long Beach 15

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 Long Beach 15

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 (1142)  
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**MODESTO (J. Paul Miller)**

La Loma Grace Brethren Church  
 (252)  
 1315 La Loma Ave. (Tel. LA 3-373)  
 Max Williams, 1244 Grinnell St.

**MONTCLAIR (Harold Painter)**

Montclair Grace Brethren Church  
 (51)  
 5655 Palo Verde St. (Tel. YUK  
 4-2323)  
 Mrs. Charles Ashman, 803 S. Loli  
 West Covina, Calif.

**NORWALK (Howard Mayes)**

Norwalk Brethren Church (201)  
 11005 Foster Rd. (N. E. corner  
 Studebaker Rd. and Foster R  
 (Tel. University 3-7322)  
 Mrs. Helen Soverns, 14503 Crossd  
 Ave.

**PARAMOUNT (Gene Klingler)**

Paramount Brethren Church (149)  
 15713 S. Orange Ave. (Corner  
 Orange and Alondra—east of La  
 Beach Freeway) (Tel. METcalf  
 1056)  
 Mrs. Fern Bowers, 4526A Califon  
 Ave., Long Beach 7

**ALTO (Gerald Polman)**  
Rialto Brethren Church (92)  
Box 337, 690 W. Etiwanda Ave.  
(Tel. 714-875-0730)  
Mrs. R. E. Miller, 545 W. Etiwanda  
Ave.

**SACRAMENTO (Conard Sandy)**  
Grace Brethren Church (20)  
3127 Eastern Ave., Zone 21 (Tem-  
porary meeting place Northeast  
branch YMCA building, 3127  
Eastern Ave.) (Mailing address,  
Pastor's address)  
Mrs. Loren Zook, 6315 37th Ave.,  
Sacramento, ZIP 95824

**SAN BERNARDINO (Emlyn Jones)**  
Grace Brethren Church (181)  
25700 Pacific St. (corner Pacific St.,  
and Sterling Ave.) (Tel. Turner  
9-8695)  
Mrs. Sue Yoder, 6867 McKinley Ave.

**SAN DIEGO (Henry Dalke)**  
Grace Brethren Church (95)  
3455 Atlas St., Zone 11 (Tel.  
277-5364)  
Mrs. Lucille Smalley, 4858 Long-  
ford

**SAN JOSE (Lyle W. Marvin)**  
Grace Brethren Church (75)  
4610 Camden Ave., Zone 24 (in  
Cambrian Park area) (Tel. 269-  
1289)  
Mrs. Dolores Oliver, 5352 Kunkel  
Dr., San Jose 24

**SAN BALBEACH (E. John Gillis)**  
First Brethren Church (107)  
Eighth St. and Central Ave. (Tel.  
430-3722)  
Helen Willett, 5932 Chinook, Hunt-  
ington Beach

**MI (Elmer Fricke)**  
Grace Brethren Church

**SOUTH GATE (Harold B. Penrose)**  
First Brethren Church (115)  
Sequoia Dr. and Montara Ave. (Tel.  
LOraine 6-6433)  
Mrs. Ella Hickey, 10231 Pescadero

**SOUTH PASADENA (Douglas E. Bray)**  
Fremont Avenue Brethren Church  
(114)  
920 Fremont Ave.  
(Tel. SY 9-6081)  
Grace Glauser, 3141 Concord,  
Alhambra, Calif.

**TEMPLE CITY (Robert Firl)**  
Temple City Brethren Church (45)  
5537 Temple City Blvd. (Tel. 286-  
6342)  
Mrs. Lee V. Kirsch, 5560 N. Bur-  
ton Ave., San Gabriel, Calif.

**TRACY (Alfred Dodds)**  
First Brethren Church (30)  
1480 Parker Ave.  
Ilene Christian, 468 Dillon Court

**WEST COVINA (Robert C. Kliever)**  
West Covina Brethren Church (71)  
710 N. Lark Ellen (Tel. ED 2-0682)  
S. Kenneth Beeler, 17073 E. Bell-  
brook St., Covina, Calif.

**WESTMINSTER (Robert W. Thomp-  
son)**  
Westminster Brethren Church (75)  
14614 Cannery Ave. (Tel. Twin Oaks  
3-5500)  
Virginia H. Clark, 7091 Bestel Ave.

**WHITTIER (Ward A. Miller)**  
Community Brethren Church (278)  
8101 S. Vicki Dr. (corner of Wash-  
ington Blvd. and Norwalk) (Tel.  
OX 5-8118)  
Earl Royse, 9644 Armley Ave.

**WHITTIER (Lewis C. Hohenstein)**  
First Brethren Church (513)  
144 N. Milton (Tel. OXbow 3-7666)  
Al Polenz, 9677 Blackley, Temple  
City, Calif.



## COLORADO

ARVADA (Edward Mensinger)  
Symphony Grace Brethren (8)  
5665 Wadsworth Blvd. (Clearcreek  
Grange Hall) (Tel. 421-3163)  
Mrs. Robert Olmstead, 13805 W. 82d  
Ave.

DENVER (F. Thomas Inman)  
Grace Brethren Church (88)  
700 S. Federal Blvd., ZIP 80219  
(Federal Blvd. and Exposition)  
(Tel. 934-7876)  
Sharon Stanley, 1130 10th St., Gold-  
en, Colo.

## WASH., D. C.

WASHINGTON (W. A. Ogden)  
First Brethren Church (271)  
439 12th S.E. (Tel. 544-6142)  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 12th and E  
Sts., S.E., Zone 3  
Mrs. Lee Raum, 2104 31st Place, S.  
E., Washington 20, D. C.

WASHINGTON (James G. Dixon)  
Grace Brethren Church of Greater  
Washington (107)  
Pennsylvania and Southern Aves.  
S.E. (Tel. 449-5704) (Follow Penn-  
sylvania Ave. to the Maryland  
state line. Sunday services in the  
Pennsylvania Ave. Seventh Day  
Adventist Church)  
Edward Brandt, 1515 Roosevelt  
Ave., Falls Church, Va.

## FLORIDA

FORT LAUDERDALE (Ralph J. C  
burn)  
Grace Brethren Church (225)  
1800 N.W. 9th Ave., ZIP 333  
(Tel. JA 4-6235)  
Mrs. Dorothy Rowland, 1224 N.  
18th Court

MARGATE (Dean Risser)  
Grace Brethren Church (39)  
Box 4004, Margate. South of Marg  
on U.S. 441.  
Mrs. Audrey Wright, 650 S.W. 5  
Ave.

## ILLINOIS

WHEATON (Dean Fetterhoff)  
Grace Brethren Church (54)  
112 S. Dorchester (Tel. MO 8-59)  
Nancy Sipe, 303 S. Clinton Court

## INDIANA

BERNE (Kenneth E. Russell)  
Bethel Brethren Church (196)  
R.R. 2, (mailing address: 417  
Water St.) 6½ miles east on I  
118 and ½ mile south (Tel.  
8721)  
Mrs. Chalmer Smitley, R.R. 2, I  
90

CLAY CITY (Randall Rossman)  
First Brethren Church (58)  
Tenth and Cook Sts.  
Mrs. Wilma Long, 1106 S. Cook

**LKHART** (Gordon W. Bracker)  
Grace Brethren Church (101)  
1600 E. Mishawaka Rd., ZIP 46517  
(Tel. 875-5271)  
Mrs. Roger Koher, 631 N. Main St.,  
Goshen, Ind.

**LORA** (Lee H. Dice)  
Grace Brethren Church (113)  
Main and Willow Sts.  
Mrs. Melvin Fisher, R.R. 2, Box 82

**MORT WAYNE** (Mark E. Malles)  
First Brethren Church (270)  
3326 S. Calhoun St. (Tel. 744-1065)  
Mrs. Thelma Boyer, church address

**MORT WAYNE** (Glen E. Crabb)  
Grace Brethren Church (50)  
4619 Stellhorn Rd., Hwy. 37 N.E.  
Zone 5 (Tel. 748-1355)  
Mrs. Merl Lochner, church address

**OSHEN** (R. Paul Miller)  
Grace Brethren Church (79)  
1801 W. Clinton St. (Mailing address,  
Box 123) (Tel. KE 3-7546)  
Mrs. Barbara Ritchey, R.R. 2,  
Middlebury, Ind.

**OKOMO** (Robert Burns)  
Grace Brethren Church of Indian  
Heights (50)  
4901 Arrowhead Blvd. (Tel. GL  
2-7131)  
Mabel Roe, Arrowhead Blvd.

**LESBURG** (Kenneth Koontz)  
Leesburg Brethren Church (109)  
Box 202, opposite schoolhouse (Tel.  
453-7401)  
Mrs. Louis Engle, R.R. 1, Warsaw,  
Ind.

**CEOLA** (Scott Weaver)  
Bethel Brethren Church (268)  
Lincolnway and Oregon (Mailing ad-  
dress: R.R. 3, Box 121) (Tel. Or-  
chard 9-4749)  
Glen Stealy, 3505 Pleasant St., South  
Bend, Ind.

**PERU** (John W. Evans)  
Peru Brethren Church (120)  
South Broadway and Santa Fe Hill  
(Mailing, 260 W. 10th St.) (Tel.  
GRidley 3-3881)  
Art Wolf, 555 S. Broadway

**SIDNEY** (A. Rollin Sandy)  
Sidney Brethren Church (49)  
Miss Enid Heckman, R.R. 2, N. Man-  
chester, Ind.

**SOUTH BEND** (Gene Witzky)  
Ireland Road Grace Brethren  
Church (142)  
18375 Ireland Road, Zone 14 (Tel.  
AT-8-7033)  
Mrs. Paul Albright, 3510 Whitcomb  
Ave., South Bend 14

**WARSAW** (Warren Tamkin)  
Community Grace Brethren Church  
(85)  
909 S. Buffalo St. (Tel. 267-5788)  
Edward Bowman, 1503 Chestnut St.,  
Winona Lake, Ind.

**WINONA LAKE** (Charles H. Ashman,  
Jr.)  
Winona Lake Brethren Church (240)  
Grace Seminary Auditorium, ZIP  
46590 (Mailing address, Box 385).  
(Tel. 267-6623)  
Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., 301 6th St.,  
Box 102

## IOWA

**CEDAR RAPIDS** (W. Wayne Baker)  
Grace Brethren Church (76)  
2905 D. Ave. N.E. ZIP 52402 (Tel.  
363-4983)  
Mrs. Ronald Graham, 3735 Kencrest  
Dr., N.E.

**DALLAS CENTER** (James Custer)  
First Brethren Church (121)  
(Tel. 3021)  
Mrs. Galen Fitz, 905, 14th St.



DAVENPORT (Frank Gardner)  
Grace Brethren Church (25)  
1035 West Kimberly Rd. ZIP 52806  
(Tel. 391-4403)  
Mrs. Bernard Aupperle, R.R. 3

DES MOINES (S. L. Shenton)  
The Brethren Church

GARWIN (Milton Ryerson)  
Carlton Brethren Church (119)  
R.R. 1 (6½ miles southwest of Garwin) (Tel. GY 9-2275)  
Mrs. Carl Kouba, Toledo, Iowa

LEON (Glen Welborn)  
Leon Brethren Church (120)  
108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school)  
Mrs. Ray Andrew, R.R. 1

NORTH ENGLISH (Robert D. Whited)  
Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church (66)  
R.R. 2 (2 miles east of Millersburg) (Tel. NOrmandy 4-5311)  
Mrs. Gene Herdlicka, Williamsburg, Iowa

WATERLOO (John Aeby)  
Grace Brethren Church (333)  
1760 Williston Ave., ZIP 50702  
(Tel. 234-8473)  
Mrs. Jessie King, 1101 Hammond Ave.

## KANSAS

PORTIS (Clarence Lackey)  
First Brethren Church (156)  
On Highway 281 (Tel. 368-4711)  
Mrs. Carolyn Gentzler

## KENTUCKY

CLAYHOLE (Robert Dell)  
Clayhole Brethren Church (47)  
15 miles southeast of Jackson  
Highway 15 (Tel. 666-5084)  
Martha Combs

DRYHILL (Evelyn Fuqua, missionary)  
Brethren Chapel (23)  
Mrs. Ted Begley, Confluence, Ky.

## MARYLAND

ACCIDENT (Frederick Crawford, Jr.)  
Grace Brethren Church (33)  
3 miles south of Accident (Tel. 88207)  
Benjamin E. Callis, Accident, Md.

HAGERSTOWN (Jack K. Peters)  
Calvary Brethren Church (212)  
Bryan Place and W. Franklin  
ZIP 21740 (Tel. RE 3-6375)  
Harold Martin, 709 Sunset Ave.

HAGERSTOWN (Gerald Teeter)  
Gay Street Brethren Church (74)  
Gay St. and Allen Ave. (Tel. RE 3-4115)  
Mrs. Hugh Schindel, 839½ Summit Ave.

HAGERSTOWN  
Grace Brethren Church (334)  
First and Spruce Sts. (Tel. RE 9-1726)  
Mr. William Hoover, 17 N. Artisan St., Williamsport, Md.

WESTERNPORT (James Hoffmeyer)  
Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (R.R.1, Westernport, Md.,  
Mrs. Mabel Lancaster, R.R. 1, Westernport, Md.

## MICHIGAN

TO (C. A. Flowers)  
Valvary Brethren Church (49)  
R. 2 (84th St. near Logan Lake)  
(Tel. 868-3304)  
John Dean Stadel, R.R. 2, Hastings,  
Mich.

RRIEN SPRINGS (Charles Lawson)  
Grace Brethren Church (46)  
Rose Hill Road (Tel. 471-7023)  
Miss Carolyn Crawford, 525 N. Me-  
chanic

STINGS (Russell Sarver)  
Hastings Grace Brethren Church (17)  
Corner of Center and Jefferson Sts.  
Mrs. Dianna Dean, 721 E. Madison  
St.

CKSON (Gilbert Hawkins)  
Grace Brethren Church (14)  
100 Clinton Rd. and M-50 north.  
(North on U.S. 127 at junction  
of 127 and M-50 take M-50 ½  
mile) (Tel. 784-5403)  
Mrs. George McCombs, Mack Island  
Rd., Grass Lake, Mich.

KE ODESSA (Simon Toroian)  
Grace Brethren Church (115)  
R. 1 Vedder Rd. (One mile south  
of M-50, ¼ miles west of Darby)  
(Tel. Clarksville 693-3251)  
Mrs. Orley Hulliberger, R.R. 3

NSING (J. Ward Tressler)  
Grace Brethren Church (77)  
904 W. Willow St., ZIP 48917 (Tel.  
372-0482)  
Mrs. Violet Shipley, 2633 Turner St.

V TROY (Gerald L. Kelley)  
New Troy Brethren Church (99)  
Box 67 (Corner of California Ave.  
and Wee-chick Rd.) (Tel. Hazel  
6-3121)  
Mrs. Winford Bennett, 103 4th St.  
Buchanan, Mich.

TROUT LAKE (Earl O. Funderburg)  
Ozark Grace Brethren Church (40)  
Box 357 (5½ miles east and 1 mile  
south of Trout Lake) (Tel. Trout  
Lake 602)  
Mrs. Earl Bradley

## MINNESOTA

WINONA (Quentin Matthes)  
Grace Brethren Church (16)  
Corner of Wabash St. and Ewing  
(7th St. and 12th W)  
Mrs. Everett Bearden, Lewiston,  
Minn.

## NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY (C. Dayton Cundiff)  
Grace Brethren Church (95)  
ZIP 68926 (Tel. 268-4561)  
Mrs. Alfred Cass

## NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE (Robert Salazar)  
Grace Brethren Church (51)  
149 Daniel Circle N.W. (½ block  
east off 7600 2d St. N.W.) (Tel. DI  
4-2996)  
Frederick Montoya, 9912 2d St.  
N.W.



**TAOS (Sam Horney)**

Canon Brethren Church (La Iglesia de los Hermanos de Canon) (125)  
 Mile east of Taos on Raton Highway  
 64 (Mailing address: Box 1531)  
 (Tel. 505-758-3388)  
 Mrs. Jose Garcia, Box 278

**OHIO****AKRON (Vernon Harris)**

Fairlawn Brethren Church (83)  
 754 Ghent Road, Zone 13, (Tel.  
 MO 6-8341) (State Rte. 176, between Rte. 18 and 21)  
 Mrs. Glen Gray, 2018 Thurmont Rd.,  
 Zone 13

**AKRON (John P. Burke)**

First Brethren Church (302)  
 530 Stetler Ave., Zone 12 (Ellet area)  
 (Tel. 733-2520)  
 Mrs. Joseph Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave.,  
 Zone 12

**ANKENYTOWN (Howard Snively)**

First Brethren Church (89)  
 R.R. 1, Bellville, Ohio (Tel. Fredericktown 694-2217)  
 Robert Sperling, R.R. 4, Mt. Vernon,  
 Ohio

**ASHLAND (Miles Taber)**

Grace Brethren Church (526)  
 615 W. Tenth St. and Keen at Budd  
 Aves. (two locations) (Tel. 4-5374  
 and 4-5251)  
 Mrs. Jesse McDaniel, 2350 Bell  
 Trail

**BARBERTON (Norton Village) (R. Wm. Markley)**

First Brethren Church (52)  
 3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., ZIP  
 44203 (Tel. 216 VA 5-6291) (Norton Village)  
 Mrs. Leroy Anders, 3790 Ridgewood  
 Rd., Akron 21, Ohio

**BROOKVILLE (Clair Brickel)**

Brookville Grace Brethren Church  
 (36)  
 R.R. 1, Box 315  
 Meeting place, Golden Gate Park  
 vilion (Corner of Upper Lewis  
 Rd. and Arlington Rd.)  
 Mrs. James Combs, 112 Ankara

**CAMDEN**

First Brethren Church (78)  
 West Central Ave. at Lafayette  
 (Tel. Globe 2-1538)  
 Mrs. Dorothy Davenport, 183 N.  
 St.

**CANTON (John R. Dilling)**

Grace Brethren Church (298)  
 6283 Market Ave. N., Zone 21  
 (499-3818)  
 Mrs. Adrian Preda, 270 Maple  
 S.W., Zone 21

**CLAYTON (William E. Howard)**

Clayton Brethren Church (174)  
 Box 8, Highway 49 and Kimmell  
 (Tel. 836-6247)  
 Mrs. Lewis Requarth, R.R. 1,  
 299, Brookville, Ohio

**CLEVELAND**

First Brethren Church (97)  
 5564 Mayfield Rd. Zone 24  
 (442-5353)  
 Mrs. Doris Woda, 903 Word  
 Wickliffe, Ohio

**COVINGTON (William Gray)**

First Brethren Church (75)  
 Spring and Pearl Sts.  
 Miss Dorna Jean Hoblit, R.R.  
 Ludlow Falls, Ohio

**CUYAHOGA FALLS (Edward Lev)**

Grace Brethren Church (116)  
 1736 E. Bailey Rd. (Tel. Akron 9  
 8203)  
 Mrs. Delbert F. McBee, 2029 Eig  
 St.

**DANVILLE (Melvin C. Hobson)**

Danville Brethren Church (50)  
 E. Ross Street, Southeast corner  
 Danville  
 Mrs. Ross Magers, R.R. 2, Howa  
 Ohio

TON (Russell M. Ward)  
ore Road Grace Brethren Church  
(57)  
0 W. Siebenthaler Ave., Zone 6  
Tel. 278-7721)  
Audrey Cloud, 26, Redwood, Day-  
on 5, Ohio

TON (G. Forrest Jackson)  
st Brethren Church (481)  
4 Earham at Philadelphia Dr.,  
Zone 6 (Tel. 277-3741)  
s. Don E. Wolfe, 1532 Shelley Dr.,  
Zone 6

TON (Everett N. Caes)  
ce Brethren Church (99)  
0 Hoover, Zone 27, (Tel. AM  
-1504).  
s. Doris Hapner, 866 Strawberry  
Row, Zone 27

TON (C. S. Zimmerman)  
e Brethren Church of Huber  
Heights (15)  
1 Chambersburg Rd.  
s. Ray Bonham, 216 N. Main St.,  
New Carlisle, Ohio

TON (Richard L. Burch)  
th Riverdale Brethren Church  
(302)  
1 N. Main St., Zone 5 (Tel.  
74-2187)  
s. Earl Strehl, 2901 Ridge Ave.  
Zone 14)

TON (Nathan D. Casement)  
terson Park Brethren Church  
(300)  
3 Shadowlawn Ave., Zone 19.  
Corner of Patterson Rd. One block  
ast of Shroyer Rd. (Tel. 293-  
284)  
y Rudolph, 2617 Windlow Dr.,  
Zone 16

RIA  
ace Brethren Church (104)  
5 Nash Ave. On State Rte. 301,  
three blocks north of turnpike, turn  
right on Berkshire Rd. to Nash  
Ave. (Tel. Emerson 6-0755)  
ward H. Carter, 380 Griswold  
Road

ENGLEWOOD (Lon Karns)  
Grace Brethren Church (200)  
307 W. Wenger Rd., ZIP 45322  
Mrs. H. C. Petry, Jr., 36 Rio Grande,  
Trotwood, Ohio

FINDLAY  
Findlay Brethren Church (204)  
209 Lexington Ave. (Tel. 422-8148)  
Mrs. Mary Hampshire, 630 Canter-  
bury Dr.

FREMONT (Granville Tucker)  
Brethren Chapel (12)  
1611 North St. (Tel. FE 2-6109)  
Constance Tucker, 501 Bidwell Ave.

FREMONT (Thomas Hammers)  
Grace Brethren Church (256)  
300 S. Collinwood Blvd., ZIP 43420  
(Tel. 419-332-8672)  
Mrs. Carl Brooks, 210 Cottage St.,  
ZIP 43420

GALION (Alva Conner)  
Grace Brethren Church (20)  
1055 Winchester Rd. (Services in  
Renschville School)  
Mrs. Janet Frisch, R.R. 2, Brookdale  
Dr., Crestline, Ohio

HOMERVILLE (Robert Holmes)  
West Homer Brethren Church (141)  
R.R. 1, Homerville (2 miles west, 1  
mile north of Homerville on County  
Rd. 26) (Tel. 625-2579)  
Mrs. Edmund Crosby, R.R. 1, Lodi,  
Ohio

KETTERING (Henry Barnhart)  
Calvary Brethren Church (151)  
2850 East Dorothy Lane, Zone 20  
(Tel. 293-5822)  
Mrs. L. B. Ford, 265 E. Whipp Rd.,  
Dayton 40, Ohio

MANSFIELD (R. Paul Miller, Jr.)  
Grace Brethren Church (439)  
Marion Ave. and Forest St. (Tel.  
522-3941)  
Mrs. David McGinty, 135 Brinkerhoff  
Ave.



**MANSFIELD (M. L. Myers)**  
Woodville Grace Brethren Church  
(197)  
580 Woodville Rd. (Tel. 524-8552)  
Mrs. Walter Kopcial, 123 Reform  
St.

**MIDDLEBRANCH (Wesley Haller)**  
First Brethren Church (231)  
2911 William St., N.E., ZIP 44652  
(Tel. Canton 499-6691)  
Mrs. Doris Eckelberry, 3615 Nickel  
Plate Ave. N.E., Louisville, Ohio

**RITTMAN (Charles W. Turner)**  
First Brethren Church (257)  
44 S. First St., (Tel. 925-3626)  
Mrs. Mary Emch, 258 Ruefner St.

**SINKING SPRING (Jacob Couser)**  
Grace Brethren Church (60)  
(Tel. 588-2342)  
Willa Lawhorn, R.R. 4, Peebles, Ohio

**STERLING (Robert Combs)**  
First Brethren Church (120)  
Mrs. Grace Hartzler, Box 116

**TROTWOOD (Larry K. Gegner)**  
Grace Brethren Church (98)  
12 Strader Dr., Zone 26 (across from  
the Madison High School) (Tel.  
837-6663)  
Dr. Joseph Mohler, R.R.1, Clayton,  
Ohio

**TROY (Herman Hein, Jr.)**  
Grace Brethren Church (109)  
527 N. Market St. (Tel. 335-1852)  
Mrs. Edsel Gumbert, 604 Miami St.

**VANDALIA (Sherwood Durkee)**  
Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (42)  
810 Larry Ave., ZIP 45377 (Tel.  
898-6666) (Corner of Larry Ave.  
and Brown School Rd.)  
Mrs. Vera Applegate, 7030 N. Main  
St., Dayton 15, Ohio

**WEST ALEXANDRIA (Horace M.  
ler)**  
Grace Brethren Community Church  
(101)  
R.R. 3 (2½ mi. west of West Alex-  
andria)  
Mrs. Orville Flora, 154 N. Main  
Camden, Ohio

**WOOSTER (Kenneth B. Ashman)**  
First Brethren Church (400)  
1894 Burbank Rd., ZIP 44692 (Tel.  
216-263-3646)  
Mrs. Donald Streit, Box 1

## OREGON

**ALBANY (Nelson Hall)**  
Grace Brethren Church (75)  
Eighth and Ermine Sts. (¼ mi.  
west of Freeway 99 at the Albany  
exit) (Tel. WA 6-1836)  
Mrs. Willis Burck, 731 Broadalbin

**PORTLAND (Neil Beery)**  
Grace Brethren Church (52)  
7015 N.E. 23d Ave., Zone 11 (Tel.  
(ATLantic 8-2436)  
Mrs. Anita Peterson, 5631 N.E. 23d  
Ave.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**ALEPPO**  
Aleppo Brethren Church (144)  
Nellie M. Taylor

**ALLENTOWN (John Neely)**  
First Brethren Church (76)  
632-34 N. 5th St. (all church mail  
parsonage) (Tel. 432-8913)  
Leroy Siegfried, 718-4th St., C  
asauqua, Pa.

**TOONA (Ralph S. Burns)**  
First Brethren Church (157)  
Maple Ave. and 30th St. (Tel. WI 2-7642)  
Mr. Ray Sell, Jr., 2502 W. Chestnut Ave.

**TOONA (Roy E. Glass)**  
Grace Brethren Church (145)  
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata) (Tel. WI 2-8861)  
Mrs. Marion Luke, R.R. 1, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

**ONEMAUGH (Don K. Rager)**  
Conemaugh Brethren Church (155)  
Second and Oak Sts., ZIP 15909  
Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Lane, ZIP 15909

**ONEMAUGH (Clair Gartland)**  
Pike Brethren Church (220)  
R.R. 1, Box 288, Conemaugh (on Old Route 22, 7 miles west of Ebensburg, at Mundy's Corner) (Tel. Nanty-Glo 746-6742)  
Mrs. Sally Albright, R.R. 1, Nanty-Glo, Pa.

**JNCANSVILLE (Victor S. Rogers)**  
Leamersville Grace Brethren Church (198)  
R.R. 2 (4 miles S. of Duncansville on Rte. 220) ZIP 16635  
Mrs. Betty Benton, R.R. 1, Hollidaysburg, Pa., ZIP 16648

**VERETT (Homer Lingenfelter)**  
Everett Grace Brethren Church (107)  
14 W. Main (Tel. Everett 652-2697)  
Fred B. Bucher, 14 W. 2d St.

**ARRISBURG (Earle Peer)**  
Melrose Gardens Brethren Church (119)  
22d and Swatara Sts., ZIP 17104 (Tel. 238-4186)  
Robert Moyer, 110 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, Pa.

**ATBORO (William A. Steffler)**  
Suburban Brethren Church (83)  
749 W. County Line Rd. (Tel. OSborne 5-5818)  
Mrs. Howard Elder, 811 N. Easton Rd., Willow Grove, Pa.

**HOLLIDAYSBURG (Dean I. Walter)**  
Vicksburg Brethren Church (130)  
R.R. 1 (4 miles south of Hollidaysburg, off Rte. 36) (Tel. Owen 5-4240)  
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**HOPEWELL (Sheldon W. Snyder)**  
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Herbert Christopher, R.R. 1

**JEFFERSON CENTER, PA. (Ron Jurke)**  
Calvary Brethren Church (27)  
R.R. 4, Butler, Pa. (5 miles S. of Butler on Rte. 356, and one mile west)  
Miss Kay Phillips, R.R. 1, Saxonburg, Pa.

**JENNERS (Kenneth E. Wilt)**  
Jenners Brethren Church (129)  
Box 31, ¼ mile south of Route 30 on Route 601  
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First Brethren Church (345)  
Napoleon and Dibert Sts. (Tel. 539-7815)  
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Geistown Grace Brethren Church (75)  
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Riverside Brethren Church (72)  
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North Buffalo Brethren Church (64)  
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Grace Brethren Church (71)  
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Listie Brethren Church (232)  
Box 65 (4 miles N. of Somerset on  
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**MANHEIM** (Russell Weber)  
Grace Brethren Church (10)  
S. Grant and Ferdinand Sts.  
Barbara Swartz, 33 S. Pitt St.

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First Brethren Church (291)  
Corner of State and Mulberry (Tel.  
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Summit Mills Brethren (85)  
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Grace Brethren Church (145)  
236 W. Main St.  
Mrs. Kenneth Kelly, 223 E. Hazel  
St.

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First Brethren Church (146)  
Oxford Ave. and Knorr St., Zone 11  
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ner)  
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Reading Brethren Church (76)  
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Vernon Brethren Church (133)  
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on 11E)  
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Rd.

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Grace Brethren Church

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rish

**OLLINS** (William Byers)  
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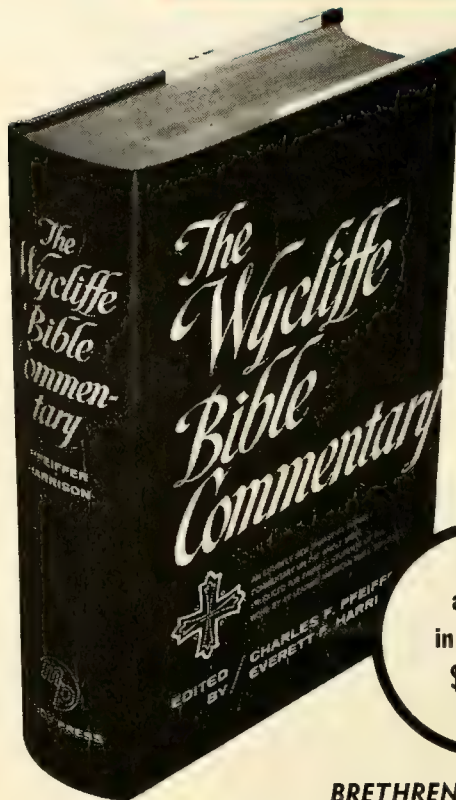
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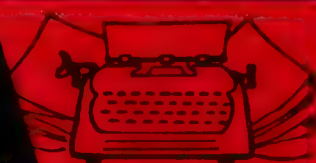






# Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



## Church Extension—Our Lifeline

What if the Brethren Home Missions Council had not been organized in 1938? How many new churches would we have today? Would our schools be in existence? How much would foreign missions have been able to expand? Only the Lord knows the absolute answers to these and other related questions.

*We do know* that over half of the churches on our Fellowship list now were largely developed through Brethren Home Missions. *We do know* that about 15,000 souls have been saved in Brethren Home Mission churches. *We do know* that over one hundred missionaries, home and foreign, have come out of these churches into the field. *We do know* that in one year—1963—Brethren Home Mission churches gave \$36,500 to missions. *We do know* that former home-mission churches have mothered other new churches. *We do know* that the Navajos, Spanish-Americans, Jews, and the people in the Kentucky hills have heard the Gospel and some have been saved. *We do know* that God has greatly multiplied the ministry of thousands of Brethren people who have prayed for, and given to, the work of Brethren Home Missions.

New churches are the lifeline of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in all facets of its ministry for God. How clear this is. More new churches means more of everything necessary to advance the cause of Christ on earth.

The stimulation of a strong, moving church extension program is profitable to each aspect of our work for Christ. This is true because every spiritual worship of our Lord is involved. Prayer for guidance in where, and when, to establish new churches brings the direction of the Holy Spirit in many different, and often, miraculous ways. The clear call to laborers to pioneer new churches comes from the Lord of the church. Daily the

stewardship of money is a more pressing need in starting new churches. Such missionary activity and zeal find no boundaries. They move into the foreign field with equally God-honoring results. An effective foreign-mission program is always completely dependent upon a vital, witnessing, expanding church at home. Church extension believes in a virile, energetic Sunday-school program. Really, in essence it is evangelism. There are new WMC's, new Sisterhood's, new laymen's groups, new youth groups, and so forth. New churches stimulate the whole church.

Church extension is not only evangelistic. It also edifies. Evangelism—confronting lost souls with the Gospel—is a primary purpose. It is foundational. But believers must be edified. Peter commands all Christians to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18). New members of the body of Christ must grow spiritually. The Spirit-led teaching of God's Word through the local church and pastor is the answer. Someone has said: "The Apostle Paul was not a hit-and-run evangelist. He was concerned about the growth of those who believed his word, that they might come to the maturity of Christian experience."

In spite of the lifeline nature of this basic missionary program, its appeal often leaves believers *cold*. It is often very difficult to promote. Why? Is it because it deals with people like ourselves whose experiences we often share in this life? Is it because there is little color, romanticism, or human attraction in the appeal? Is it because Satan especially hates it for its lifeline nature? Whatever the reasons those who endeavor to promote the work of establishing new churches know that no matter what methods are used people are often very slow to respond. Thus Satan is able to deal a telling blow at the "grass roots" of the total divine program on earth.

A Biblical, spiritual vision of sin, salvation, and the Saviour is absolutely essential to a successful church extension ministry. Where this is true, dealing with people like ourselves in starting new churches may be a great advantage because their culture and problems are ours as well. The church pioneer can easily identify himself with these things and clearly understand the needs of those he helps.

What about this lifeline in our Brethren church? How many of our members are helping to strengthen it? Are you praying for new churches? Are you willing to implement your prayers by giving missionary money to pay pastor's salaries and to build new churches? Are you really a church pioneer?



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Thanksgiving and Brethren Home Missions are inseparable. This family gives thanks for dedication of a new home-mission church at Westminster, California.

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## "It Is Finished"

By Robert Thompson, pastor



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"It Is Finished" was the theme of the day of dedication for the Westminster Brethren Church. The long-awaited day was one of joy and gratitude for the members of this new Brethren testimony, as well as for the host of friends, who have shared in the establishment of the work. Nerves were frayed and tempers taut following many days of great effort on the part of the people. Undergirding tired bodies, however, was the knowledge of a job well done.

Plans for the day included having Dr. Glenn O'Neal, secretary of the Southern California-Arizona District Mission Board speak at the morning worship service on the subject:

"Holding Forth the Word of Life." That it was God's message for the hour was evidenced in the response of those in attendance. As the invitation was given, twenty persons made public their decisions for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit wonderfully moved in answer to the prayers of the saints.

Needless to say, following this display of God's blessing, folks were back for the afternoon service to worship and join together in praising the Lord for His goodness. Two hundred crowded into our chapel as Dr. L. L. Grubb, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council challenged us with God's program for "A Productive Church."

Added to the blessing of the preached Word was the heartwarming music that filled our auditorium on this special occasion. Mrs. Gloria Russell and Linda Thompson sang a duet in the morning service accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Larkey on the lovely Kimball organ loaned to us for the occasion. As special guests in the afternoon, we were thrilled with the lovely tenor voice of Dale O'Neal accompanied by his sister Becky on the piano. In addition, Mr. Dennis Plies, the recording artist, played for us on the marimba. In the evening Mrs. Dorothy Levering of Fifth and Cherry blessed our hearts with her lovely soprano voice.

Concluding the day the pastor brought an illustrated message entitled "It Is Finished" using slides of the development of the Westminster Brethren Church. It was good to reminisce together as each picture brought to mind some special pro-



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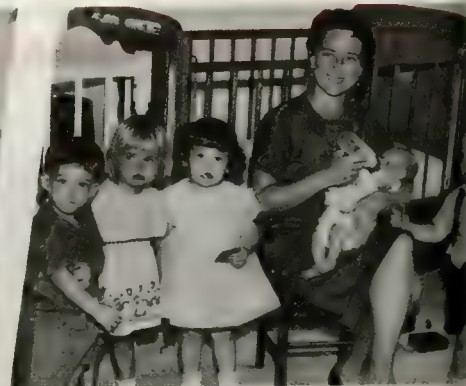
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gram or activity. Another title could just as well have been "Blisters and Blessings," for that has been the testimony of our building program. Somehow the hard work seems unimportant now that we are holding services in our new facilities. The important thing is the prospect of seeing many come to know the Saviour in this place.

Westminster Brethren Church was born on August 9, 1959, in a small dwelling in Garden Grove, California. Under the blessing of God it soon became necessary to acquire larger facilities and so the search for property was launched. Following a long and tedious search the present site was purchased and services were held in the portable chapel furnished by the District Mission Board.

As quickly as possible plans were drawn and in spite of the many obstacles and adversities construction began. We can never begin to express our appreciation for all His faithfulness, as well as for the fine spirit of cooperation we have received from the Home Missions Council. We pledge ourselves to a dedicated program of missionary endeavor here in Westminster and around the world.

"It Is Finished" can be said only of this phase of the work. From here it is "forgetting those things which are behind . . . we press toward the mark . . ."—that mark being the faithful proclamation of the inexhaustible riches of an eternal and loving God.



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Your Navajo Mission

## Navajo Mission Gives to Home Missions

By James S. McClellan, Superintendent

Out in the prairie and mesa country of New Mexico, sixteen missionaries are laboring to bring Christ to the Navajos of their area. One day the Mission received in the mail a package of promotion materials for the Brethren Home Mission Council offering. Included were posters and a large thermometer for recording progress toward a goal.

Your missionaries in Navajoland do many things. They conduct a boarding school for fifty-nine boys and girls. They visit in hogans, both nearby and far into the back country. They teach Navajos to read God's Word in their own language. They conduct Gospel services. They give medical assistance.

One thing which the missionaries did not usually do was to promote a local home-mission offering. Wouldn't that be a little like giving to themselves? No; for there were forty-one other needy home-mission points included besides the Navajo Mission. It was decided to display the materials.

Before long, it was decided that a goal was needed. Nobody knew where the money would come from. The Navajos had little to give. The missionaries were accustomed to sending their offerings to their home churches. But, someone remembered that "little is much when God is in it." With some trepidation, the figure \$150 was filled in on the thermometer.

It was a thrill to see the money come in. The school children were challenged. Some of them filled out

little slips of paper and placed them in the offering plate at the Sunday evening services. "Please take fifteen cents out of my school bank account for home missions," said one.

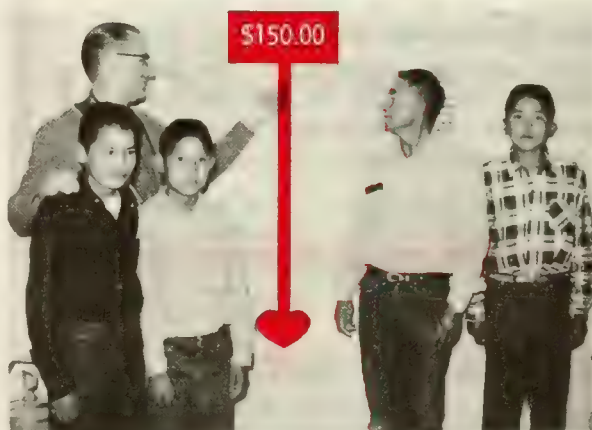
The offering from the Sunday

afternoon Navajo service was channeled into home missions for a time. It was small, but every cent helped.

A visiting friend gave a check to be included. The missionaries themselves testified that it was a joy to give beyond their regular offering which they were still sending to their home churches.

By the time Dr. L. L. Grubb came to visit the Mission during the first week of November, they had reached the goal. It was a happy moment when the thermometer was shown to the executive secretary.

The staff and students gathered to see Dr. Grubb's slides of home-mission work. They saw the many places where funds are urgently needed and agreed that they could not be content with their completed goal. The thermometer was "shaken down," and they are going to try with the Lord's help to do it all over again!



Pastor Lee Trujillo and school boys show Dr. Grubb the completed goal.

Hogan visitation by Miss Angie Garber





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So, hurry! Send your title suggestions to: The Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana. Enter as often, and with as many titles, as you like.

## Margate Newsletter

Margate, Florida  
October 28, 1963

Dear Friend,

We missed last month with our newsletter, and we hope you noticed! We were waiting expectantly for news and developments on our property which did not come, but we can let you in on the good news this month.

The good news is that we are beginning this week, today in fact, on our church building! The Home Missions Council gave us clearance to begin construction. The contractor is ready, we are ready, and from evidences we have received the Lord is ready, too! There is a great deal of thinking, planning, and, above all,

praying that needs to be done. We hope that you will not let us go from your prayers now, for if ever we needed you to pray for us, it is now. Sometimes in the elation of victory, we fail to notice Satan creeping in to get another lick at us. "We are not ignorant of his devices."

The Lord has blessed us spiritually with some fine decisions this month. Five were for 100 percent dedication to the Lord, three were for membership, and two were for salvation. One of those saved was a young father about twenty-five years old. Attendances have been up, with a 25.6 percent increase in Sunday school over last October. Yesterday we reached 101! The "Citizens for

Sunday School Campaign" has caught on, and there is a great deal of enthusiasm. Roy Homerding, our superintendent, even wrote a special song for the campaign.

We have had a real lesson on prayer. When Rev. L. E. Pifer was here, we organized a prayer chain that went all night. The next day when we investigated possibilities of building on our old lots, every light seemed to turn green in front of us. We will be right in the middle of a housing development, in fact, a new city of four square miles! The main entrance costing \$100,000 will go in just 500-600 feet south of us. God really worked for us through our prayers.

We had a first-time experience a few weeks ago when the lights went out just before the offering and the message. We went ahead with the offering by shining car lights in the windows. The sermon was from memory, and the preacher even quit right on time without the aid of a clock!

There was excitement in our area at two different times when hurricanes blew into range of South Florida—one south of us in Cuba, and the other off Cape Canaveral. We didn't even get any rains here, but it nearly washed Cuba into the Gulf stream. We thought we would have to dismiss some services, but that did not become necessary.

We have begun youth training hour, which has averaged over ten. The young people selected the name "Teen Tyme" for their fellowship and training hour. We are using the Scripture Press materials, which we have found excellent.

We have been blessed in our visitation with six teams every week this month. We are beginning a progressive survey for more prospects. Our offerings have been adequate for our needs, but we are praying and working for about \$3,000 to meet our extra needs.

We hope this letter will encourage you, for what has happened here is in answer to your prayers. Then there are a few more items mentioned that we hope you will take to the Lord, even before you lay this letter down. Thank you!

Dean Risser, Pastor

## Lancaster Begins Building

The Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is off to a good start with their new building program. The Brethren construction crew foreman, Don Sellers, arrived on the field October 17. The following day another member, Ray Sturgill, arrived. Some work had been done previously by the local church in preparation for the construction crew. On the following Monday water lines were laid, and some leveling of the lot was done. On Tuesday the footers were dug, and Wednesday they were poured. The moving of equipment and the third member of the crew, Bert Jordan, finished out the first week. Block laying started the next Monday (Oct. 28) and on November 1 the basement walls were up to joist-bearing level.

At the time the building was started, the entire purchase price of the property had been paid in full. A budget at the beginning of 1963 was adopted calling for \$16,000. This budget for the entire year was reached in October, which included \$7,000 on the property.

The Sunday school is now running in the 170 figures, and by the time the building is completed it will be almost filled to capacity. This presents two alternatives—start another building addition, or start another branch Sunday school. Committees are already considering these possibilities.

The Northern Atlantic District Mission Board helped in starting the Lancaster work, and as they have withdrawn financial support, the church has always picked up the difference. The mission budget is \$5,000 for this year and judging from the past blessings they will reach it.



(1962-63 class) Mrs. Helen Maestas, teacher

## Taos Attendance Topples

The Taos (N. Mex.) Kindergarten enrolled thirty-two children for a new record. It was necessary to start an afternoon class to handle this number. Everything was fine until the local parish priest called a meeting of parents of those enrolled, and the school immediately lost eight

children. There was a mixed reaction to the apparent decree. A couple of mothers remarked, "We had to drop our child because of pressure"; others defied their instructions. Pray for the reaching of other children to replace these "dropouts."

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# ISRAEL CALLS!

Information Please!

By Bruce L. Button



The Mission

This year while on itineration I was approached by a number of Brethren people with questions such as: "How long has The Brethren Church had their own Jewish work?" "Is this a 'Brethren' Jewish work, or is it one of the interdenominational Jewish missions?" "What Jewish mission board are you with?" "I didn't know The Brethren Church had their own Jewish mission. Where are you located?" There were other questions which led me to believe it would be well if a general information article were written concerning the one Brethren Jewish mission.

The Brethren Jewish mission work operates under the name of The Brethren Messianic Testimony. The work really got underway in January 1951. At that time Rev. and Mrs. Bruce L. Button took up residence at 469 North Kings Road in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles, California. The Brethren Jewish work has been carried on from this place ever since that time. Since the start of the work Miss Isobel Fraser has joined the staff. This work is "A Witness and a Testimony to Israel and the Nations" of the salvation one finds in Jesus Christ, God the Son.

The Brethren Messianic Testimony is the arm which the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches uses to reach the Jewish people with the Gospel of salvation through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The organization is wholly under the control of, and answerable to, The Brethren Home Missions Council. It is a Brethren mission dedicated to preaching the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible. It goes without saying that Brethren beliefs and practices as contained in God's Word are taught and observed.

Brethren people have always been

interested in the salvation of lost souls. They are intensely interested in the salvation of the Jew, and have indicated that interest in past years by the support of interdenominational Jewish mission attempts. Because of this intense interest, The Brethren Home Missions Council at their annual meeting in 1949 decided to enter the field of Jewish missions as a national denominational effort. It became one of three denominations maintaining such a testimony. When they considered a place in which to establish the work, one area appeared to be just the right place. This was the Fairfax district in Los Angeles, California.

The Fairfax district was 99 percent Jewish. It was the largest Jewish community west of the Mississippi River. The area was not static as to population. Rather it was growing due to the fact that large apartment units were beginning to replace single residences. Most important of all, there was not, at that time, one resident Jewish mission in the area. Even the interdenominational Jewish mission attempts only came into the area sporadically. Here was an ideal territory for the establishment of a Jewish mission—the Brethren Jewish mission. It was established right in the heart of this area! Since that time the three missionaries have been trying to effectively preach the Gospel to this section of Los Angeles which has a greater population of Jews than there are in the entire city of Fort Wayne, Indiana (160,000).

To reach such an area takes a great deal of planning and effort. There must be some means of reaching the area in a systematic manner; persons evidencing an interest must receive special attention; a special ministry of teaching must be available for those who desire it. Without such orderly

methods much effort can be expended and little accomplished. It was decided to base the work of the Brethren Messianic Testimony on the program of home visitation and personal contact. A project was set up which would insure that every home in the area would be contacted. A record was to be kept for each home. Shown thereon would be the date of each contact, printed material given to the home, and a brief resume of the conversation. This card was to be maintained as a permanent record and subsequent contacts noted thereon. Thus the missionary would never be at a loss to know what had been discussed with each home. Thus each contact became a "personal" contact. At each contact the missionary placed a copy of a paper called "The Mediator" together with copies of such tracts as were thought proper for that particular time. Gospels, Bibles, and basic Christian pamphlets were to be available also for distribution. These were to be given only where the Jewish contact promised to read them.

The time of our house-to-house calling program was to be in the morning hour of 9:15 to 11:30. At this time a positive effort was to be made to personally contact the occupant of each home on the block (or blocks) assigned to the missionary; to talk with each person contacted about Jesus, the Messiah, as He is set forth in the Old Testament and the New Testament; and to place in his hand the literature chosen for that day. At the end of each contact the record card was to be noted with its information. If any contact evidenced special interest, a special note was to be made of such contact so that home could receive a special call later on. In this fashion all homes would receive a testimony of the





Jewish people on Fairfax Avenue

Lord and interested homes could receive special attention.

Special attention was to be devoted to interested homes in the afternoon period of each day. Such attention was to be designated as a "call-back" contact. The contact was to be made during the afternoon in the hours from 2:00 to 4:30. At this time we hoped to get into the home, open the Scriptures, and deal with the problem of personal sin and its forgiveness in the Lord Jesus Christ. Discussion and questions were to be encouraged at this time. At the discretion of the missionary an invitation could be given to attend one of the Bible classes held in the mission.

*(To be continued next month)*

### DEDICATIONS

The new Grace Brethren Church annex at Albuquerque, New Mexico, was dedicated on Sunday, November 3, 1963 and at the same time the pastor, Robert Salazar, was ordained to the Christian ministry.

The new Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio, will be dedicated on Sunday, December 1, 1963, with a week of special dedication services to follow with Rev. Lester E. Pifer.

## Home Mission Field Reports

**FORT WAYNE, IND.** (Glen Crabb, pastor). Our home-missions goal for this year was set at \$500. Our highest previous offering was about \$300. Praise God that as of October 27 our people had given \$509.48 to spread the Gospel in the U.S.A.

**WINONA, MINN.** (Quentin Matthes, pastor). We praise the Lord for the progress here. For the last few months the church attendance average has been almost double that of the previous year. Yesterday we broke our record with forty-eight present. We have visited over 200 families in this area and have a number of prospects.

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.** (Lyle Marvin, pastor). The Grace Brethren Church celebrated its eighth anniversary on Sunday, October 20. It was also Homecoming Day with a carry-in dinner and a birthday cake for the evening fellowship hour.

**GALION, OHIO** (Alva Conner, pastor). Last Sunday (Oct. 20) a new Sunday school record was reached with ninety-three present. We are in the midst of the Citizens for Sunday School campaign and at the end will launch the largest Sunday school balloon in Ohio, fifteen feet in diameter. Seventeen teens attended our Teen Halloween Party.

**DAVENPORT, IOWA** (Frank H. Gardner, Jr., pastor). We are rejoicing over the salvation of a young man who was reached when through a sick child the home was opened to us, and the father's heart opened to receive the Lord Jesus Christ. Since then the mother has renewed her fellowship with the Lord, and their baby has been dedicated to the Lord.

**AKRON, OHIO** (Vernon Harris, pastor). Our Sunday school has started to pick up, and we have been running over the one hundred figure. In September we averaged 103 which is the first time the average has been this high for this month. The month of October has been exceeding the September average.

**RIALTO, CALIF.** (Gerald Polman, pastor). Our new building was placed in service two weeks ago, but is not finished. Our men have done a good job and already are planning to build another section. Our Sunday school has been running 196, 200, 186, and 190 for the past four weeks.

**WHEATON, ILL.** (Dean Fetterhoff, pastor). Let me share an answer to prayer with you! Our pianist has moved out of town and the organist planned to be away which left us without anyone for music. I called June Emerson a Wheaton student, from Akron, Ohio, although I knew she had been working with the Christian Service Council. She said, "You know I was just ready to call you for I have given up my regular assignment with Christian Service."

## Meet . . .




Mrs. Don (Wanita) Ogden

We would like you to meet Mrs. Don Ogden who has been added to our office staff in Brethren home missions. Mrs. Ogden is the new secretary-bookkeeper for the Brethren Investment Foundation. She has taken the place of Mrs. Hobart Freeman who resigned October 1, 1963.

Mrs. Ogden is the wife of Professor Don Ogden, Grace Seminary and College.



# CHURCH NEWS

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**SIDNEY, IND.** A unanimous call to serve as pastor of the Sidney Brethren Church was extended to A. Rolin Sandy. He will begin his seventh year as pastor here in January 1964.

**MANHEIM, GERMANY.** Chaplain Lee Burris reports a very successful week of meetings held in the chapel here by Rev. Henry Rathert, a German-born, but naturalized American. Several decisions were made, and the Sunday evening attendance has increased.

**BELFLOWER, CALIF.** Dr. Elias Zimmerman, a representative of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, spoke at the First Brethren Church Sept. 29 on the subject "How the Son of a Rabbi Found Christ in Russia." Raymond Thompson, pastor.

**LANCASTER, PA.** Sunday, Nov. 3, 1963, the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church broke its Sunday-school attendance record. There were 199 present. An award was given to the father who had the most of his family there. Mr. Samuel Snader received the award for having 34 of his children and grandchildren present. We also want to report the safe arrival of the construction crew. At the time of this writing the church is up to the first floor level. William Tweeddale, pastor.

**ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.** Rev. and Mrs. Robert G. Salazar announce the birth of a baby boy, Alan Glenn, born on Oct. 21. He weighed 6 lb. 11½ oz. Brother Salazar is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

**LA VERNE, CALIF.** Ralph Schwartz, Brethren missionary candidate to Brazil, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 20. Elias White, pastor.

**ROANOKE, VA.** "The Musical Polmans," Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman of Fallbrook, Calif., conducted an evangelistic crusade at Washington Heights Brethren Church during Oct. 27 through Nov. 6. They presented vocal solos and duets, accordion, sleighbells, organ, and piano music. Wendell Kent, pastor.

**GOSHEN, IND.** Dr. R. Paul Miller for the past six years pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here terminated his ministry on Sunday, Nov. 3, with a farewell sermon and service. It was his doctor's recommendation to leave the pastorate and move to a more favorable climate because of health reasons. Dr. Miller has chosen for the next three months to live in sunny California with the Dr. Willard S. Lohnes family, 9033



Dr. R. Paul Miller

E. Burma Rd., Pico Rivera, Calif. Dr. Miller has devoted his life to the ministry of evangelism and the pastorate. He will continue to serve as president of the Brethren Board of Evangelism. When the Brethren Home Missions Council was formulated in 1939, Dr. Miller was chosen as the first executive secretary and held this position for a number of years.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Pastor M. L. Myers, reports that on Oct. 7 the roof was put on the new Sunday-school unit of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church. The Sunday-school annex is 84' long and 36' wide. It will contain an office for the pastor, a kitchen, two restrooms, furnace room, storage room and six large classrooms that can be divided into 12 classrooms if necessary.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Gonzales, of the Canon Brethren Church, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oct. 6. Sam Horney, pastor.

**LISTIE, PA.** Max DeArmey accepted the call to become the pastor of the Listie Brethren Church. Max DeArmey is the brother of Richard P. DeArmey, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

**TUCSON, ARIZ.** Pastor J. C. McKillen reports that the Silverbell Community Grace Brethren Church cooperated in a World Home Bible League canvas on Oct. 6. Four visitation teams from the Silverbell church made about 200 calls, and found ten homes without Bibles, and made ten contacts with good prospects for their church.

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., was the Bible conference speaker during Oct. 20-23 at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church. John J. Burns, pastor.

**KITTANNING, PA.** Sherwood Lingenfelter has accepted the call to serve as assistant pastor and director of music at First Brethren Church on a limited basis. Mr. Lingenfelter, son of Evangelist Galen Lingenfelter, is a student in the graduate school of the University of Pittsburgh.

**NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.** The Iowa district quiz team, that won second place in the National Brethren competition at Winona Lake, Ind., this summer, took charge of the morning worship service on Sept. 15 at Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church. Robert Whited, pastor.

**AKRON, OHIO.** The Youth Evangelism Team, consisting of Dave Hocking, Dave Siefert and Dan Grabill, presented a full-hour program of music, testimony, and message on Sept. 21 over the WMBI branch radio station located in the Akron-Cleveland area. The team also conducted services in the Fairlawn Brethren Church on Sept. 22. Vernon Harris is pastor.

**CANTON, OHIO.** Pastor John Dilling reports three decisions for the Lord at Grace Brethren Church during the revival meetings with James Sweeton, Oct. 22-27. Record attendances in the new building are 212 in Sunday school, 204 in morn-



ing worship, and 197 in the evening service. An organ dedication recital was held at the church on Oct. 21 with 158 persons in attendance.

**HARRISBURG, PA.** On Oct. 23, the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church officially welcomed Earle Peer as the new pastor. Dr. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa., presided over the installation service with William Tweeddale, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa., participating. A time of fellowship and refreshment followed the installation service.

**GALION, OHIO.** October was a record-breaking month in every department of Grace Brethren Church, Alva Conner, pastor. Offerings and attendance averages for all services were the highest in the history of the church. On Oct. 20, "Surprise Sunday," 93 were in Sunday School and 82 in morning worship when Kenneth Ashman, the 1964 moderator of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, was the surprise guest speaker. Men from the laymen's fellowship of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, were surprise guests. Forty-nine persons were in attendance on Sunday evening, Oct. 27.

**CONEMAUGH, PA.** The Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Glenn Byers, pastor, dedicated the new Sunday-school annex on Nov. 17. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Seminary and College, was the dedication speaker.

**SOUTH BEND, IND.** Pastor and Mrs. Gene E. Witzky of the Ireland Road Brethren Church, desire to express their deepest appreciation for the many prayers offered in behalf of their baby daughter, Jennifer Lynn, who was born Aug. 27 with a severe congenital nerve disorder that caused paralysis of the lower extremities of the body. The baby is now in a body cast to help straighten the leg and hip bones. The Ireland Road Brethren Church took a love offering to cover the initial hospital and surgical expense that was not covered by insurance. The love offering received was almost to

the exact penny the cost of the expenses.

**NOTICE:** Evangelist Bill Smith has recently moved his headquarters to Fort Myers, Fla. He may be contacted for crusades by writing to R.R. 5, Box 611. When not in revival campaigns, Bill will be assisting Dr. Bernard Schneider in the establishing of a Brethren testimony in that area.

**DRYHILL, KY.** On Oct. 19-20, eighteen young people and adults from the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., visited the Brethren mission here. The 280-mile trip was the climax to a BYF attendance contest. One of the pur-



poses of the trip was to give the young people a vision of Christian service. Pastor Wendell Kent of Roanoke, Va., was the guest speaker at the Brethren Chapel. Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary.

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** On Oct. 6, Pastor Robert McCormick conducted the 25th anniversary services at Community Brethren Church. Bill Burk, Brethren missionary to Brazil, was the morning speaker. Keith Altig, the first pastor of this church 25 years ago, was the guest speaker in the afternoon for the dedication of the educational building. The evening speaker was James Beatty, professor at Christ's College in Formosa and a former pastor of the Community Brethren Church.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** Harold Penrose has resigned from the South Gate, Calif. pastorate to accept the call of the Los Altos Brethren Church. He will begin his ministry here Dec. 1.

**KOKOMO, IND.** Robert Burns tendered his resignation at the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 3 to accept the call to become pastor of the Aleppo Brethren Church of Aleppo, Pa.

**HAGERSTOWN, MD.** Rev. Robert Collitt, evangelist for the Board of Evangelism, has tendered his resignation in order to accept the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church here. His resignation becomes effective Jan. 15, 1964.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, reports that on Oct. 20, thirty laymen from his congregation visited the Marion, Ohio, Correctional Institution, presenting the morning worship service. Ten inmates of the prison made first-time confessions of Christ at the service. The men then returned to Galion, Ohio, and helped the mission church there reach a new high in attendance of 94. Sunday, Oct. 27, was homecoming at the First Brethren Church of Wooster. The attendances were 375 in Bible School, 383 in morning worship, and 248 in the evening inspirational hour. Offerings for the day totaled \$2,277, most of which was given toward the goal of liquidating the property debt so expansion can be started early in 1964.

**CLAY CITY, IND.** Randall Rossman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, is seriously ill. Prayer is requested.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church, James Dixon, pastor, voted on Oct. 20 to start construction of the first unit of a new church building this next spring. Pastor Dixon began his 13th year as pastor in the city of Washington on Oct. 27. He was pastor of the First Brethren Church for ten and one-half years, and one and one-half years as pastor of the new Grace Brethren Church.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESSES:** Rev. and Mrs. Richard Sellers, 14 East McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights, Ill. Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Teeter, 137 Manse Rd., Hagerstown, Md. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Kreimes, R.R. 1, Meyersdale, Pa.

**HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIF.** Rev. and Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver, missionaries to Africa now on furlough here, are the parents of a son, Joseph Edmund, born Oct. 27. "Little Joe" was welcomed by three brothers and a sister.



## NOTICE

Free literature was sent to the new Grace Brethren Church in Fort Myers, Fla. on Oct. 26, 1963. The Brethren Missionary Herald Company sent 1683 pieces of free literature in response to a request of Pastor Bernard Schneider for literature to meet the initial needs of this new Brethren testimony. This gift of literature is but a part of the free literature ministry of your Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church, Wesley Haller, pastor, will dedicate the new Sunday-school addition on Dec. 1. Kenneth Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, will be the dedication speaker.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church held a church mortgage burning ceremony on Nov. 24. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind., and former pastor of the Cleveland church, was invited to share in the service.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** Robert Kern, pastor of the Third Brethren Church, reports that nearly \$500 has been received for the L. S. Kolb memorial gift to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** A record attendance of 227 communicants on Oct. 24 participated in the thirty-third communion service held at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor.

**MARTINSBURG, PA.** The First Brethren Sunday School recorded an average attendance of 334 during the month of October. This was the highest monthly average in the history of the church. John Terrell, pastor.

**ELKHART, IND.** Pastor Gordon Bracker of Grace Brethren Church has used the Moody Bible Institute Community Evangelism Program in his area since Oct. 10, 1961. Up to the present time, he has enrolled 130 students in the correspondence

courses. There have been 69 completions. At least one student has confessed Christ as Saviour as a result of the course. The Men's Fellowship of the church is sponsoring this ministry.

**UNIONTOWN, PA.** Pastor William Schaffer of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., held revival services at the First Brethren Church here during Oct. 20-Nov. 1. There were eleven decisions in the meetings of which four were first-time decisions for Christ. True Hunt, pastor.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**HELMAN, Mrs. Jennie I.**, a long-time member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., went to be with the Lord on Oct. 26.

—James Sweeton, pastor.

**PECK, Maggie Glessner**, 91, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, was called home to heaven. Funeral services were conducted Oct. 29.

—John Aeby, pastor.

**JENNINGS, Elizabeth**, 91, a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, since 1915, went to be with her Lord Oct. 25.

—G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

**MELLEN, William H.**, 71, for many years a faithful member and custodian of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., went home to be with the Lord Oct. 19.

—Charles Mayes, pastor.

**DEVLIN, Carl**, a charter member of Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., went home to his Lord on Nov. 1.

—Glenn Byers, pastor.

**GORRILL, Rev. Wm. Earl**, 72, a faithful minister of the Gospel for many years, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 15. Mr. Gorrill came into the membership of the Englewood (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church in 1957. He was a Sunday-school teacher and a very valuable member of the official board.

—Lon Karns, pastor.

**CRAM, Mrs. Edith**, went to be with the Lord Sept. 28. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church.

—Robert Whited, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Tina Oldaker and Bernard Pendergast, Aug. 18, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Geraldine Emery and Richard Shumway, Aug. 22, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Franki Lynn and Mark Carey, Sept. 7, at the Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

Leta Roderick and Gilbert Langholff, Sept. 21, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

Judith Ann Massey and Harold Starkey, Aug. 20, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Sherry Hoyer and Edward Bell, Oct. 12, Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Elaine Karen Dalke and Delbert Goehner, Aug. 2, Yakima, Wash.

Trula Ann Applegate and Jerald D. Baker, Sept. 28, Grace Brethren Church, Vandalia, Ohio.

Roberta Martter and Russell Nelson, Sept. 12, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Rosie Green and Homer Conn, Sept. 21, First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Joyce Andrew and Frank Binning, Sept. 10, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa.

Pat Austin and Wendell Hall, Oct. 19, Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Brenda Underwood and Malcolm Fink, Oct., Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Darlene Wenger and Charles Bennett, May 11, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Barbara Grant and Larry Amos, June 15, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Beverly Kookan and James Petri, June 22, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Dianna Dixon and Brian Mohler, Sept. 21, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Sharon Francis and Carnice Conner, Oct. 5, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.

Sharon Cleveland and Marvin Van Dyke, Oct. 19, Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio.





Exterior view of the new building

## Canton, Ohio, Dedication

Sunday, September 8, 1963, the congregation of Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, fully realized a dream which had materialized after many months of hard work, perseverance, prayer, and preparation. The Day of Dedication of the new building was a reality!

The dedication service opened with the "Call To Worship" given by Pastor John Dilling. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Wesley Haller of the Middlebranch Brethren Church. The congregation joyfully sang "The Church's One Foundation," which was followed by Scripture reading given by Rev. Russell Ogden. Introductions and greetings were delivered by various pastors and personalities including Donald Steiner, former State Senator. Telegrams and greetings were read from numerous friends throughout the brotherhood including a former pastor Rev. Robert Crees.

Dr. Herman Hoyt delivered the dedicatory address.

Pastor Dilling led the congregation in the dedicatory response, and the dedicatory prayer was given by Rev. Clair Brubaker.

The benediction prayer was the end of the service in the sanctuary with refreshments served in the church social rooms to all who toured the building. The women of the three WMC groups provided the refreshments.

The contemporary styled building designed by Brethren architect, Ralph Hall, included a sanctuary seating

475, a social hall seating 500, fourteen classrooms, pastor's study, radio room, library, lounge, and offices. The interior of the sanctuary is paneled in redwood and carpeted. Terrazo floor is featured in the foyer, and asphalt tile is used in the classrooms.



Pastor John Dilling



Area pastors and others who participated in the dedication service were: Rev. Nathan Meyer, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Rev. Vernon Harris, Dr. Miles Taber, Rev. Ralph Hall, Rev. Russell Ogden, Rev. Clair Brubaker, Pastor John Dilling, and Rev. Wesley Haller.



The dedication congregation and interior of the new building.



# The Church's Common Heritage

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

The church of God consists of all believers everywhere. Those who are saved out of "every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" are blessed with a common heritage from heaven. They have eternal life. They are members of Christ's body. They have received a new nature. They love one blessed Book. They are on the way to the same home. They have the same Father, the same Saviour, and the same Holy Spirit. They have one purpose—to preach Christ to the lost and to build up the saints. This makes a real and eternal union.

*All May Be Spirit-Filled (1 Cor. 12:4)*

There are many false spirits in the world. Their object is to destroy faith in Christ, deny the truth of the Scriptures, and lead souls into paths which end in destruction. God's own Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Christ, has come to each believer, has opened his eyes, has given him faith in Christ Jesus, and filled him with desires which agree with the teaching of the Bible. The presence of this one eternal Spirit in all believers knits their hearts together in fellowship for service.

*All May Be Spirit Led (1 Cor. 12:5)*

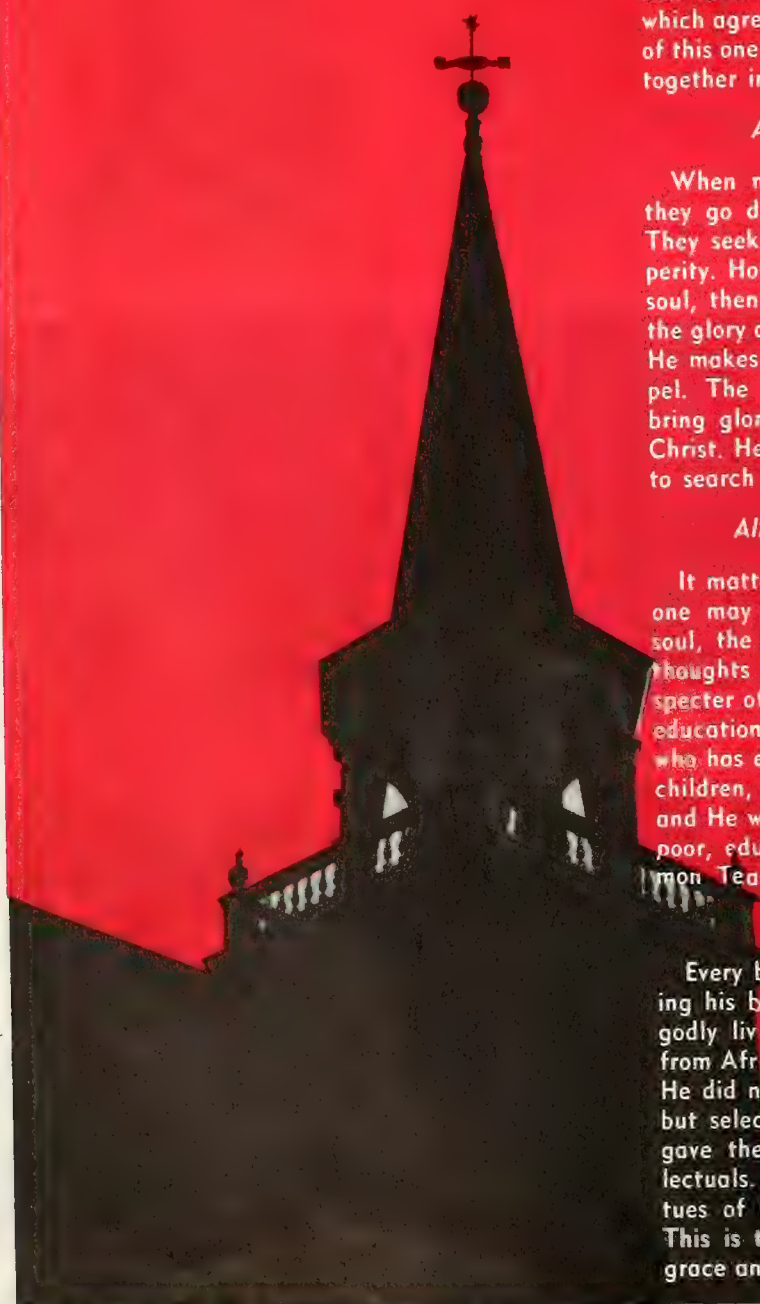
When men are led by their own fancy and desire, they go divergent paths. They pursue their own ways. They seek their own glory. They desire their own prosperity. However, when the Holy Spirit of God leads the soul, then that one is found in God's paths. He seeks the glory of God. He desires the spiritual welfare of men. He makes known God's call for lost sinners in the Gospel. The Spirit leads him into those services which bring glory to God and which magnify the Lord Jesus Christ. He causes the believer to love the Scripture and to search it diligently in order to know God's will.

*All May Be Spirit-Taught (1 Cor. 12:6)*

It matters not what race or color or status in society one may have—when he trusts Jesus Christ with his soul, the Spirit will teach that one the ways and the thoughts of God from His Word. The Spirit is no respecter of persons. He will teach the Eskimo who has no education, and He will instruct the university president who has earned the highest degrees. He will teach little children, whether they be yellow, black, brown, or white, and He will instruct the parents whether they be rich or poor, educated or illiterate. The church has one common Teacher, the Holy Spirit.

*All May Be Spiritual (1 Cor. 12:11)*

Every believer in the world has the privilege of yielding his body to the Holy Spirit for fruitful service and godly living (Rom. 12:1). He will use a Sammy Morris from Africa just as He did a D. L. Moody from Chicago. He did not reach into the universities for His disciples, but selected them from the common walks of life and gave them the ability to confound the world's intellectuals. All have the privilege of showing forth the virtues of Christ and of manifesting a Spirit-filled life. This is the common heritage of all who are saved by grace and washed in the blood of the Lamb.





# Let's Talk SUNDAY SCHOOL

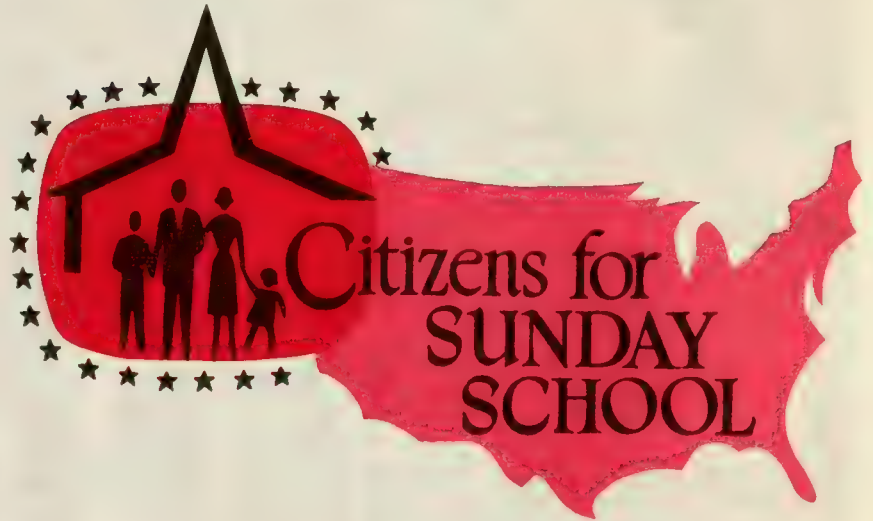
By Dr. Harold H. Etling  
Director, National Sunday School Board

## Bigger and Better Sunday Schools Mean Bigger and Better Brethren Churches

Do Sunday School Campaigns, such as the recent "Citizens for Sunday School Enlargement campaign," really pay off? Are there more results than just a few more people in a few more Sunday-school classes for a few more Sundays? These are the questions that we face constantly. Hence, we want to let a pastor, superintendent, and assistant superintendent answer the questions in their own words.

"Proof positive of the power of 'heads-up' Sunday-school promotion is the attendance and spirit of the Geistown Grace Brethren Sunday School since rally month during September. Pastor Randall E. Poyner reports that attendance is progressively higher each month, and everyone is working *together to build on the summer surge!*"

Replacing the traditional "Rally Day," reports Larry Weber, the assistant superintendent of the school, "this Pennsylvania Sunday school is setting the pace in Division 'G' of Brethren Sunday schools. The entire month of September was dubbed "Rally Month," and all teachers were on the spot—literally. Every class with 90 percent or better attendance for the last four Sundays in the month put their teacher in line for a *steak* dinner, while conversely, those under 90 percent were required to eat *hash!* In addition, there were certain bonus points given to teachers based upon visitation, class attendance, and enrollment of new members. The total school percentage of attendance for the month of September was 98 percent of enrollment, for a brand new high in the history of the Sunday school. The total included all but three classes topping 90 percent, with



the kindergarten class topping the list with 125 percent! There were three that did not make it, and so hash it was for these three, while the remaining teachers and officers ate steak!" The pastor suggests that they finally relented, and for the sake of the "diet" of the three, gave them steak also, but it was all a lot of fun. Best part of it all is in the fact that the morning worship services are increasing in direct proportion to the growth of the Sunday school. Listen to the rest of the report from their assistant superintendent: "With the close of rally month, the school plunged into the current "Citizens for Sunday School Campaign" at the beginning of October, and attendance is continuing high. Sunday morning, October 27 a record attendance of 120 was posted on the Sunday-school bulletin board. The previous Sunday, Rev. Edmund Leech, missionary to Hawaii spoke to ninety-nine people in the morning worship hour. Foreign Missions emphasis was given to this fine group of people made possible because of a growing and enthusiastic Sunday school."

This school is under the leadership

of Richard A. Parks, the superintendent, with Larry Weber as the assistant. Under this leadership, the school has grown to thirteen classes. They give one word as the key to the growth; namely, "teamwork" with everyone working together to reach men, women, boys, and girls with the message of the Gospel. Priority is given to visitation not only by teachers, but also by pupils as well. By the way, the bonus points talked about in the article went to Mrs. Plummer, teacher of the third grade class, with 380 points.

### Citizens for Sunday School Continues

The 1963 Enlargement Campaign as such is finished, but the program of Citizens for Sunday School continues right on. This program ought never to end, for there is a vast need to enroll more, and then to enroll more, and then to enroll more! This is not a repetition of words. It ought to be the heartbeat of Sunday-school pupils and workers because it is the heartbeat of our precious Saviour! Watch your mails for further word about the continuing program of 1964 Citizens for Sunday School.





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# The President Speaks

By Dr. H. A. Hoyt, President  
Grace Theological Seminary

## **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

On the black background of the darkest hour in the history of Israel, there gleams this diamond like fact concerning God. For forty years the prophet Jeremiah had prophesied in Israel. He had been witness to the change, decay, disintegration, dereliction, and final doom of his beloved nation. Then at last from some rocky grotto in the mountainside he beheld the legions of Nebuchadnezzar lay siege to the city of Jerusalem and raze it to the ground.

In the midst of his sorrows, when, humanly speaking, all hope was gone, Jeremiah uttered these words: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23). It is in point to say, there is a time, and a place, and a situation, where the only refuge is in God himself. Consider God's faithfulness.

## **God Is Faithful to Himself**

"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself" (II Tim. 2:11-13). The significance of this fact carries tremendous weight. It means that God cannot do everything. He can only do those things that are consistent with and in conformity with himself. He cannot deny himself. He cannot deny His person (II Tim. 2:13). He cannot deny His purpose, so He will not repent (I Sam. 15:29). He cannot deny His performance, so He cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

Identification with Him issues in sharing all His benefits. If we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him (II Tim. 2:11-12). All of this is true because God is faithful to himself.

But it is also true that separation from God will issue in the wrath of God. "If we deny him, he also will deny us: if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful" (II Tim. 2:12-13). Though men change, He does not change, for He is faithful.

## **God Is Faithful to His Word**

God's Word is the most intimate and enduring ex-

pression of himself. It is therefore called the faithful Word (Titus 1:9). Like himself, it cannot fail, for "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Num. 23:19).

This faithfulness to His Word extends to all His Word and to the minutest detail. "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18). "All" would seem to be sufficient to emphasize this point. But to define this by insisting on the smallest details is amazing. But this Christ did when He referred to the smallest Hebrew letter (jot), and even a hook on the letters (tittle).

This faithfulness to His Word covers every conceivable item in the Bible. God is faithful in sustaining the universe by His Word (Heb. 1:3). His salvation, all of it, is efficient because of His faithfulness (I Tim. 1:15). Christ, the great high priest is in office serving today because of God's faithfulness (Heb. 6:18). And this One will shortly come again and will not tarry, because God is faithful to His Word (Heb. 10:36-37).

## **God Is Faithful to His Own**

God is faithful in promise to His own. Therefore we are admonished to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)" (Heb. 10:23). God is faithful in provision for His own, so believers should "be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). God is faithful in protection of His own, and therefore will "keep you from evil" (II Thess. 3:3), and "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" (I Cor. 10:13). In the final analysis, God is faithful in preservation of His own, covering every aspect of life and extending to the coming of Christ (I Thess. 5:23-24).

## **God Has Been Faithful to Grace Seminary**

From those small beginnings in Akron, Ohio, during the dark days of depression until this hour, God has been faithful to himself in relation to the Seminary; He has been faithful to His Word; and He has been faithful to His own. Through one trying experience after another the Lord brought us, and never once did He ever forsake us. He has demonstrated for us the faithfulness of His Word: in promise, in provision, in protection, in preservation. This has extended to school, faculty, and student body. This school exists today because of His faithfulness, and we are constantly being reminded that His mercies are new every morning.

Today, we have one of the finest student bodies we have ever had. It is a bit larger than last year, for which we are grateful. And it is our prayer that many more will find their way to its halls, where a faithful faculty, faithful to His faithful Word, will endeavor to prepare faithful men and women for the greatest ministry in all the world, the ministry of the Word (II Tim. 2:2).



# A MISSIONARY'S PAEON OF PRAISE: THE WORK OF CHRIST

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt  
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"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

The subject of the Book of The Revelation is marked at its very outset. It is the Lord Jesus Christ unveiled before our eyes in all of His blazing deity. He is presented as that one whose life stretches out into the eternity of the past where it had no beginning, and extends on into the eternity of the future where it has no ending. In this book He is presented as that One who is the Lord of the churches in this age, the Judge and Ruler of the nations in the period to come, and as the Lamb of God among the redeemed in the eternal state.

The source of this book is also marked at the outset. It is from the Father, the One who was, and is, and is to come, and from the Holy Spirit in His sevenfold plentitude, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, who in the days of His flesh was the faithful witness, and still is, and who by virtue of His resurrection was made higher in position than any who had ever risen or would ever rise from the dead. This starts a train of thought in the mind of the writer, and he goes back across the years to that day when he walked and talked with the Lord Jesus Christ in the way, that way which led finally to Calvary. As those scenes flash through his consciousness; death! resurrection! there wells up in his heart a paeon of praise that he can no longer contain, and he bursts forth with the words: "*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*"

There is a sentiment that attaches to the words of Scripture for every Christian. But there is something more important than that, that is the sense and the significance of those words. It is therefore the pur-

pose of this message to unfold the meaning of these words. You will observe three movements of thought.

## ***1. LOVE: The Motive Which Stirred the Heart of the Lord Jesus Christ***

1. The *kind* of love with which He loved is of vast importance. Two words in the original Greek of the New Testament are rendered into English by the one term "love." One describes a love that is moved by the attractiveness of the object. Whereas the other denotes a love that is moved by the value of its object. It is the latter of the two that appears in this passage.

How do men look to the holy God? The picture is drawn in vivid lines in Romans 3:10-18. Since there is nothing in this picture to attract a holy God, then why does He love us? The answer is to be found in the fact that He loves us because of value. Were not men created in the image of God? This image has been marred by sin, but it is still capable of restoration by the grace of God.

2. The *intensity* of that love is likewise marked by the word that John uses. A love that is moved by the attractiveness of its object, if that attractiveness diminishes or disappears, the love will likewise diminish and disappear. But love that is moved by the value of its object, and that value abides, the love will likewise persist.

After an evening service in one of our cities, I accompanied the pastor and some of his people to the outskirts of the city for a birthday celebration for an old lady. On the way I learned something about her. She had been taken with arthritis. With the growing severity of the disease she had gradually lost one function and faculty after another. At last she was confined to her bed, unable to move a limb. She had lost her eyesight; her hearing had grown dull;

she could scarcely move her head from side to side. But she still retained an active mind and a good voice. To my amazement she spent her time composing poetry of what the grace of God meant to her. When we left that evening, I inquired into the details of her family. I learned that she had a husband. But with the growing severity of that disease and the loss of her attractiveness, that one who in life and death should have been nearer to her than anyone else, had abandoned her. I could not help but think there is one stanza of a song most precious to her:

"Oh Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow,  
May richer, fuller be."

That is what John meant by these words, "Unto him that loved us."

3. The *duration* of that love was also in the mind of John as he spoke. The King James Version carries the word "loved." It is a past tense and marks a historical manifestation of that love. But the American Standard Version carries the word "loveth," which is a present tense. This tense marks the movement of God's love from eternity past, through the present, and on into eternity future. It does not exclude the Cross, but it goes far beyond it. It was the great scholar Samuel Prideaux Tregelles who discovered the true reading of the text at this point. As he lay upon his death bed, he said: "If I have no other reward for all the deprivations I have suffered, for all the energy I have expended, then just to know that He still loves me, it is enough." It was this that gripped the heart of the Apostle John and compelled him to burst forth with these words: "Unto him that loveth us."



## II. Washed: The Result of the Work Which Was Effected at Calvary

1. The words "and washed us from our sins" speak definitely of the work of Christ upon the cross. And they are wonderful words, provided you know what they mean. These words have provided the inspiration for more of the songs we sing about being washed in the blood than perhaps any other words in the Bible. The words,

"Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow,"

must in part be traced to these words. And I repeat, these are wonderful words, provided you know what they mean. But we ought not to read into these words any of the pagan notions that existed in the false religions of the day of Christ. There was one mystery religion that had a rite called the *taurobolium* in which a live bull was led up on a huge rack. An initiate to that religion was placed underneath, and then the bull was slain and its blood allowed to drain down over the person until he had had a complete blood bath. No such repulsive or gory picture is drawn by these words. Therefore you will be interested to know that the American Standard Version does not contain the word "washed" but rather the word "loosed." The difference is just an "o" in the original Greek, and the two sound very much alike. The correct reading means to loose.

2. It is well to note then, that this work of Christ releases the believer from his relationship with sin and its penalty. According to Romans 7:1: "The law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth." Every sinner has broken the law and is therefore obligated to pay its penalty. As long as he lives, he must face this penalty. A heinous crime was committed, and because the facts were so plentiful, the trial was a mere formality. When the time came for pronouncing the sentence, the judge ordered the bailiff to bring in the prisoner. The courtroom waited in hushed silence. At last the bailiff burst into the courtroom, and exclaimed breathlessly: "Your Honor, the prisoner is dead." The judge did the only thing he could do. He closed the case. For the law has no juris-

diction over a dead man.

In like manner it is with the sinner and Christ. Christ died for sin. When by faith the sinner identifies himself with Christ, he dies with Christ, and being dead, the law has no further jurisdiction over him. The death of Christ released him from his relation to sin and its penalty.

3. The tense of the verb "loosed" also bears testimony to the fact that this was done *once for all* and its effect abides forever. This may seem to be a mere technicality. And nature is against God and acquires infinite dimensions. Moreover, this is true of



any sin. So this text indicates that sin, any sin, all its penalty, and any relation to sin and its penalty has been severed not only for time, but also forever.

## III. Blood: The Means by Which Christ Released Us From Our Sins

1. The blood was the instrument which effected the release from sins *because it meant death*. Two parallel lines of truth run through the Bible. One declares that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The other asserts that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). The problem is to get these two together. The solution is to be found in the law of atonement. This is found in Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." The word rendered "life" is the Hebrew word *nephesh*, elsewhere translated soul. And the soul is the life giving element to the flesh. Turning to Matthew 20:28 we hear Christ say: "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom

for many." The word "life" in this passage is the Greek word *psyche* or soul. As you look at Calvary you see a cruel Roman soldier pierce the side of Christ with a spear, and there flowed out blood, and He died.

2. But there is another reason the blood is given prominence, and that is *because it was infinite in value*. Too often the blood of Christ is regarded as of the same value as that of the ordinary man. Even though Christ may be regarded as the flower of humanity, His blood would have only finite value, and it could not possibly cover the sins of men past, present, and future. To argue in this vein will eventually result in assuming that His blood had some stain. In such case, He could not die for anyone but himself. But all such reasoning misses the point of His person; namely, that He was God incarnate.

Upon his final trip to Jerusalem, Paul stopped off at Miletus to bring his farewell address to the Ephesian elders. In the course of it he said: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). In this passage it is the blood of God incarnate in human flesh that effected this purchase. As such it has infinite value, sufficient to cover the sins of men past, present, and future with a bank of credit left over that is inexhaustible. That is why John made reference to "his own blood."

3. Yet another reason explains the prominence of His blood. It was *because it was precious to Christ*. It meant his very life. Only that sacrifice which is precious clearly demonstrates love. A visitor to one of the graveyards of England came to a tomb upon which was engraved a picture of a knight with his fair lady. Upon closer scrutiny he observed that the knight was dressed in his armor while the lady, though perfectly clad had one hand missing. Upon inquiry of the guide, this story was told. During the Crusades to Palestine, this knight had gone to do acts of bravery, and in the battle with the Saracens was captured. Saladin,

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# COMPARATIVE REPORT OF GIFTS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

JULY 1, 1962 TO JUNE 29, 1963

	Total Offering Last Year (1961-62)	Grand Total (1962-63)			
<b>Allegheny</b>			Mount Prospect, Ill. ....		<b>15.00</b>
Aleppo, Pa. ....	857.25	<b>307.53</b>	Osceola .....	1,421.37	<b>464.35</b>
Grafton, W. Va. ....	5.00	<b>37.00</b>	Peru .....	146.50	<b>389.93</b>
Jenners, Pa. ....	396.95	<b>516.45</b>	Sidney .....	620.27	<b>852.00</b>
Listie, Pa. ....	829.26	<b>603.91</b>	South Bend .....	295.37	<b>448.85</b>
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	856.95	<b>560.02</b>	Warsaw .....	323.35	<b>544.00</b>
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills) .....	96.67	<b>226.74</b>	Wheaton, Ill. ....	162.00	<b>377.28</b>
Parkersburg, W. Va. ....	90.00	<b>52.75</b>	Winona Lake .....	6,647.79	<b>7,140.14</b>
Stoystown, Pa. ....	20.07	<b>6.65</b>			
Uniontown, Pa. ....	507.64		Total: Indiana .....	14,364.35	<b>15,530.71</b>
Washington, Pa. ....	160.66	<b>191.79</b>			
District Conference .....	10.00		<b>Iowa</b>		
Total: Allegheny .....	3,830.45	<b>2,502.84</b>	Cedar Rapids .....	448.00	<b>320.37</b>
			Dallas Center .....	881.00	<b>683.00</b>
<b>East</b>			Davenport .....		<b>14.71</b>
Altoona, Pa. (First) .....	360.43	<b>296.02</b>	Garwin .....	118.30	<b>388.00</b>
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) .....	83.66	<b>94.60</b>	Leon .....	27.00	<b>45.64</b>
Butler, Pa. (Jefferson Center) .....		<b>50.00</b>	North English (Calvary) .....	70.00	
Conemaugh, Pa. ....	470.00	<b>581.05</b>	North English (Pleasant) .....	7.00	<b>35.00</b>
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) .....	460.30	<b>981.35</b>	Waterloo .....	1,883.72	<b>2,510.39</b>
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) .....	415.50	<b>23.01</b>	Winona, Minn. ....	37.68	<b>30.00</b>
Everett, Pa. ....	219.55	<b>230.00</b>	Total: Iowa .....	3,472.70	<b>4,027.11</b>
Hollidaysburg, Pa. ....	25.01	<b>14.20</b>			
Hopewell, Pa. ....	39.00	<b>25.00</b>	<b>Michigan</b>		
Johnstown, Pa. (First) .....	1,924.95	<b>1,247.75</b>	Alto .....	34.00	<b>268.36</b>
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown) .....		<b>62.10</b>	Berrien Springs .....		<b>82.76</b>
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside) .....	106.25	<b>39.50</b>	Grand Rapids .....	37.00	<b>94.60</b>
Kittanning, Pa. (First) .....	1,826.73	<b>3,280.23</b>	Hastings .....	5.00	<b>10.25</b>
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) .....	69.01	<b>80.52</b>	Jackson .....		<b>22.00</b>
Leamersville, Pa. ....	288.83	<b>204.75</b>	Lake Odessa .....	206.04	<b>357.33</b>
Martinsburg, Pa. ....	1,874.74	<b>208.88</b>	Lansing .....	31.25	<b>18.00</b>
District Conference .....		<b>60.00</b>	New Troy .....	491.00	<b>589.00</b>
Total: East .....	8,163.96	<b>7,478.96</b>	Ozark .....		<b>34.55</b>
			Total: Michigan .....	804.29	<b>1,476.85</b>
<b>Indiana</b>					
Barbee Lakes .....	15.00	<b>5.00</b>	<b>Mid-Atlantic</b>		
Berne .....	577.50	<b>1,060.89</b>	Alexandria, Va. ....	314.45	<b>435.29</b>
Clay City .....	68.00	<b>243.50</b>	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary) .....	379.68	<b>657.10</b>
Elkhart .....	393.58	<b>284.63</b>	Hagerstown, Md. (Gay) .....	81.75	<b>129.09</b>
Flora .....	159.00	<b>375.50</b>	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace) .....	1,190.96	<b>1,646.08</b>
Fort Wayne (First) .....	2,507.42	<b>2,721.68</b>	Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	1,126.00	<b>592.25</b>
Fort Wayne (Grace) .....	68.75	<b>63.32</b>	Washington, D. C. (First) .....	3,808.80	<b>1,291.95</b>
Goshen .....	115.00	<b>106.00</b>	Washington, D. C. (Grace) .....		<b>81.45</b>
Kokomo .....	134.38	<b>151.00</b>	Waynesboro, Pa. ....	456.47	<b>557.31</b>
Leesburg .....	709.07	<b>287.64</b>	Winchester, Va. ....	1,024.97	<b>1,142.87</b>
			Seven Fountains, Va. ....	20.00	<b>2.00</b>
			Mid-Atlantic District .....		<b>40.00</b>
			Camp Grace .....		<b>20.00</b>
			Total: Mid-Atlantic .....	8,403.08	<b>6,595.39</b>
			<b>Midwest</b>		
			Arvada, Colo. ....		<b>20.00</b>

Beaver City, Nebr. ....	2.50	26.39	Northern Ohio Laymen ..		12.88
Cheyenne, Wyo. ....	123.00	50.45			
Cuba, N. Mex. ....		7.00	Total: Northern Ohio ..	36,817.15	19,759.54
Denver, Colo. ....	20.00	119.25			
Portis, Kans. ....	416.00	950.55	<b>Northwest</b>		
Taos, N. Mex. ....	84.81	141.65	Albany, Oreg. ....	72.05	92.05
Total: Midwest .....	646.31	1,315.29	Grandview, Wash. ....	170.54	125.40
			Harrah, Wash. ....	892.00	160.08
<b>Northern Atlantic</b>			Portland, Oreg. ....		15.00
Allentown, Pa. ....	154.43	227.90	Seattle, Wash. ....	540.71	555.57
Harrisburg, Pa. ....	380.89	333.63	Spokane, Wash. ....	154.90	27.50
Hatboro, Pa. ....	70.00	158.00	Sunnyside, Wash. ....	272.95	351.85
Lancaster, Pa. ....	125.50	125.00	Toppenish, Wash. ....	20.60	20.18
Palmyra, Pa. ....	789.84	941.12	Yakima, Wash. ....	43.21	125.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) ..	1,716.50	1,576.65	Total: Northwest .....	2,166.96	1,472.63
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) ..	979.10	1,186.92			
York, Pa. ....	237.38	115.42	<b>Southeast</b>		
Northern Atlantic District		25.00	Buena Vista, Va. ....	329.30	31.00
Total: Northern Atlantic	4,453.64	4,689.64	Covington, Va. ....	250.16	325.94
			Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ....	801.90	1,006.00
<b>Nor-Cal</b>			Hollins, Va. ....	273.33	231.00
Chico ....	35.00	80.20	Johnson City, Tenn. ....	1,010.00	212.00
Modesto (La Loma) ....	369.25	447.26	Limestone, Tenn. ....	69.50	211.70
Modesto (McHenry) ....	10.00	30.00	Margate, Fla. ....	57.30	60.43
Sacramento ....	109.00	42.50	Radford, Va. ....		25.00
San Jose ....	11.00	19.36	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	177.55	176.80
Tracy ....	241.85	33.05	Roanoke, Va.		
Total: Nor-Cal .....	776.10	652.37	(Garden City) ....	35.00	27.97
			Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ....	508.35	611.03
<b>Northern Ohio</b>			Roanoke, Va.		
Akron (Fairlawn) ....	50.54	185.50	(Wash. Heights) ....	15.00	241.35
Akron (First) ....	931.20	666.63	Virginia Beach, Va. ....	101.25	308.23
Ankenytown ....	500.05	155.54	Southeast District .....		66.44
Ashland ....	3,045.00	4,264.92	Total: Southeast .....	3,628.64	3,534.89
Barberton ....	21.20	228.10			
Bowling Green			<b>Southern California-Arizona</b>		
(Good News) ....		11.00	Anaheim, Calif. ....	19.00	247.93
Bowling Green			Artesia, Calif. ....	42.50	89.24
(Sugar Ridge) ....	60.00		Beaumont, Calif. ....	318.00	457.50
Canton ....	841.13	559.92	Bell, Calif. ....	35.00	20.25
Cleveland ....	141.68	190.01	Bellflower, Calif. ....	243.75	443.95
Cuyahoga Falls ....	356.83	690.50	Compton, Calif. ....	435.68	1,107.55
Danville ....	269.00	292.00	Fallbrook, Calif. ....	25.00	
Elyria ....	234.25	296.50	Fillmore, Calif. ....	58.50	118.09
Findlay ....	149.86	158.01	Gardena, Calif. ....	56.00	68.00
Fremont (Grace) ....	1,052.69	1,080.06	Glendale, Calif. ....	178.30	100.50
Galion ....	112.50	77.25	Inglewood, Calif. ....	541.08	711.39
Homerville ....	327.03	304.67	La Verne, Calif. ....	78.00	142.75
Mansfield (Grace) ....	25,726.28	6,957.54	Long Beach, Calif. (First)	4,976.75	7,962.95
Mansfield (Woodville Gr) ..	207.80	121.46	Long Beach, Calif.		
Middlebranch ....	594.00	764.55	(Los Altos) ....	80.00	63.15
Rittman ....	954.85	891.00	Long Beach, Calif.		
Sterling ....	159.00	65.00	(North Long) ....	885.12	1,096.11
Wooster ....	1,082.26	1,736.50	Los Angeles, Calif. ....	32.50	176.45
Northern Ohio Conference		50.00	Montclair, Calif. ....	101.10	127.29
			Norwalk, Calif. ....	281.60	776.13
			Paramount, Calif. ....	173.52	284.25
			Phoenix, Ariz. ....	197.00	108.56
			Rialto, Calif. ....	166.87	211.77



San Bernardino, Calif. ....	136.03	49.74	Miscellaneous Gifts		
San Diego, Calif. ....	39.76	25.57	Non-Brethren .....	6,548.31	9,748.60
Seal Beach, Calif. ....	61.25	83.50	Seminary Alumni Assoc. ....		1,037.44
South Gate, Calif. ....	100.33	31.07	National Laymen .....	1,252.70	1,078.83
South Pasadena, Calif. ....	198.03	38.00	National Sisterhood .....	217.94	1,297.12
Temple City, Calif. ....	84.06	117.89	National WMC .....	1,950.98	3,355.18
Tucson, Ariz. ....	10.00	10.00	Grace Annual Staff .....	87.25	
West Covina, Calif. ....		6.00	College and Seminary		
Westminster, Calif. ....	11.08	30.00	Faculty and Staff .....	16.51	
Whittier, Calif.			Special (Bequests) .....	8,133.72	4,578.94
(Community) .....	1,448.89	604.95	Seminary Senior Class .....	372.39	361.89
Whittier, Calif. (First) ....	626.25	368.35	College Senior Class .....	399.31	225.00
			Student Body .....	284.44	107.38
Total: So. Calif.-Ariz. ....	11,640.95	15,678.88	Brethren Miss. Herald Co. ....	125.00	75.00
			National Conference .....	18.50	842.35
<b>Southern Ohio</b>			Baccalaureate and		
Brookville .....		31.00	Graduation .....	325.47	518.19
Camden .....	41.53	80.93	Anonymous and Misc. ....	103.05	3,083.61
Clayhole, Ky. ....	24.25		Maintenance .....	2,810.25	3,506.57
Clayton .....	1,513.46	935.25			
Covington .....	12.45		Total: Miscellaneous .....	22,645.82	29,816.10
Dayton (First) .....	2,500.85	2,638.91			
Dayton (Grace) .....	54.83	44.18	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b> .....	131,612.65	123,847.86
Dayton (N. Riverdale) .....	4,074.88	3,332.37			
Dayton (Patterson Park) ..	315.50	717.60			
Dryhill, Ky. ....		15.00			
Englewood .....	464.23	245.59			
Kettering .....	61.24	276.15			
Trotwood .....	98.15	35.00			
Troy .....	200.19	326.18			
Vandalia .....	162.30	247.50			
Total: Southern Ohio ..	9,523.86	8,925.66			
<b>Isolated Brethren:</b>					
Puerto Rico .....	34.30				
Other Isolated .....	240.09	391.00			
Total: Isolated .....	274.39	391.00			
Sub-totals:					
Church Gifts .....	108,966.83	94,031.76			

#### FIFTEEN CHURCHES IN HIGHEST PER CAPITA GIVING 1962-63

Winona Lake, Ind.	30.64
Sidney, Ind.	18.13
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	16.72
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	11.51
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	10.48
Washington, D. C. (First)	10.34
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	10.31
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)	9.41
Seattle, Wash.	8.96
Waterloo, Iowa	8.63
Ashland, Ohio	8.20
Palmyra, Pa.	7.18
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	7.07
Vandalia, Ohio	7.07
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	6.99

## A MISSIONARY'S . . .

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the great Mohammedan leader, with merciless cruelty brought before him, on the stated day, the prisoners he had taken and demanded of each a good reason why he should be allowed to live. The reason of each was laughed to scorn, and they were ordered to be put to death. Finally this knight came before Saladin. His reason amazed the leader: "I have a fair lady at home and she loves me." "Bah": replied the Emperor. "When you're dead she'll marry another."

This brought the quick response: "She loves me so much she would give her right hand for me." This led the monarch to defer his death to give the knight opportunity to verify his statement.

The young knight wrote home of the predicament in which he had accidentally involved himself. Months passed. Then one day there came a small package in which was the righthand of a beautiful woman. When this was presented to Saladin, he was so overwhelmed that he did better than his word and released the knight. But ever afterward, when the

knight looked upon the dismembered figure of the one whom he loved and there saw the evidence of her love for him, he was humbled to the dust in his devotion to her.

These words reflect the same response in the Apostle John. Would that the Spirit of God would etch them upon the walls of our memories in such fashion that this scene might produce in us a humble and unfeigned devotion to Him. In this devotion, we could not fail to join with John in the song of praise: "Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins in his own blood."



1963-64  
**SEMINARY**  
 STUDENT BODY  
 IN  
**PICTORIAL**

**SEMINARY JUNIOR CLASS—1964**

*Forty-nine Members*



**SEMINARY MIDDLE CLASS—1964**

*Twenty-one Members*



Daily scene outside  
 Seminary Chapel



**SEMINARY SENIOR CLASS—1964**

*Twenty Members*

DR. HOMER KENT, JR., ADVISOR  
 (seated: Third from left)



Seminary faculty reception  
 for new students

**MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL PROGRAM**  
*Fourteen Students*



Pictured below

JANUARY 1963  
BANQUET FOR  
LOS ANGELES  
AREA



*Southern California*

# GRACE SEMINARY ALUMNI BANQUET

HODY'S RESTAURANT

5242 LAKEWOOD LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1964

6 p.m.

*Speaker: President H. A. Hoyt*

*Toastmaster: Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Alumni Secretary*



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# MISSION OFFICE MEMOS

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

## See the Opposite Page!

If you do not read anything else in the Foreign Missions section of this magazine, please read, "The Message of the Manger," by former missionary Don Hillis, now a TEAM executive. It is being used by permission of *The King's Business* magazine.

## Christian Education Calls

Christian education stands at the forefront of Brethren thinking at this season of the year. Grace Seminary and Grace College merit your support, and greatly need it, too. It is a joy to see the new dormitory building nearing completion, and many will yet desire to help with this fine, much-needed building. But the great need of which we write just now is for your generous gifts directed to the current operation of the schools. In December and January Brethren people are especially invited to help Grace schools.

## If You Want a Foreign Missions Conference

Ask for it. At the invitation of pastors and congregations we have been able to hold several such conferences this past fall. There are still some available dates during the winter, and in the spring and summer. The conference may be held in your own church, or sponsored jointly by several churches in your immediate area. Comments on the conferences have been very favorable.

## Faith-Promise Giving

A foreign-missions conference, coupled with faith-promise giving, almost guarantees a successful foreign-

missions program in the local church. And what is faith-promise giving? It is giving for which one first asks God concerning the amount he should give, and then he covenants with Him to make possible the giving of that amount. It is not a pledge, it is a promise. It is not made to men, but to God. It does not depend alone on sacrificial giving from what one has, but asks the question: "How much can I trust God to channel through me?"

## The Total Personal Support Plan

The responses on the part of pastors and congregations have been very encouraging. The home church of the missionary is first offered the opportunity for this total support. Quite a number of churches have already reported favorably, even though it means doubling their foreign-mission giving for 1964. In a few cases the home churches, although favorable, are not in a position to assume the total support just now. We trust this will be a prayer goal for the future for them, and that for the present congregations without missionary-members will stand ready to help in a big way. The most appealing thing in the plan seems to be the closer contact the missionary will have with churches in the homeland. The plan does not change the amount of the personal allowance of the missionary, but arranges rather to care for *all* costs related to the missionary's service. The gifts are not to the missionary, but to the Foreign Missionary Society for the total support of the missionary in his work.

## At the End of the Year

It is a good time to ask one's self: "Have I given to the Lord's work all that He wants me to give?" In foreign-mission giving anything postmarked by December 31 will be counted as a part of your gift for 1963. It is well, also, to consider your giving in relation to income tax deduction possibilities. A person can give to Christian work up to 30 percent of his income and receive a tax deduction privilege for the full amount. Study this carefully, and you will see that usually the added amounts can be given to the Lord's work and not greatly reduce what you have left. May your giving not be, however, for the purpose of obtaining the income tax deduction, but because you love the Lord. Should our Brethren people give yet in 1963 so that they can claim the full deduction privilege, a great advance in all of our Brethren work would result. Let the Lord lead you!



## COVER PHOTO

Christians around the world know the power of prayer. The old year is almost gone, but a new year is ahead. May God help us to claim His promises and accomplish great things through prayer!

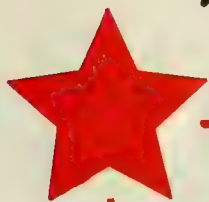
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# The Message of the Manger



William Carey, the consecrated cobbler turned missionary, gave \$400,000 to missions during his years as a servant of the Lord in India. How did he do it? Carey went to the mission field with a salary of \$250 a year. While in India he was hired by the government to teach in a university at \$7,500 a year. Carey continued to live on \$250, giving the rest to the work of the Lord. That was planned poverty.

As a youth, John Wesley began working for \$150 a year. He gave ten dollars to the Lord. His salary was doubled the second year, but Wesley continued to live on \$140, giving \$160 to Christian work. During his third year Wesley received \$600. He kept \$140 while \$460 was given to the Lord. That was planned poverty.

During his life, George Mueller received and expended five-and-a-half million dollars. When he died there was less than one thousand dollars to his credit in the bank. His life not only demonstrated that God was faithful in the supplying of every need, but that George Mueller was also self-disciplined in the stewardship of the money the Lord entrusted to him.

Robert Atherton, who was reared in luxury, gave \$5,000,000 to the work of the Lord. He did not do it without sacrificial living. A letter received from a missionary in China read: "Were I in England again, I would gladly live in one room, make the floor my bed, a box my chair, another my table, rather than that the heathen should perish for lack of knowledge of Christ." Atherton followed these suggestions almost to the letter for the rest of his life. His own deliberate planned poverty enabled him to give a fortune toward the publication of the Word of God in numerous languages.

William Borden died before his twenty-sixth birthday. He had given his entire fortune of \$25,000,000 to the work of the Lord before going out as a missionary. That was purposeful poverty.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Studd were living under frugal conditions as missionaries in China, when they received word of their

share of the family inheritance. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars were to be theirs. After prayerful consideration, the entire amount was given to various gospel ministries. In the many years of service for Christ which followed, C. T. Studd and his family experienced the joy of living by faith.

And what about Moses who rejected the name, the fame, the power, and the wealth of Egypt only to suffer affliction with the children of Israel? His choice was premeditated. He "esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt."

We are told concerning the churches of Macedonia that "in most difficult circumstances, their joy and the fact of being down to their last penny themselves, produced a magnificent concern for other people. I can guarantee that they were willing to give to the limit of their means, yes, beyond their means without the slightest urging from me or anyone else.

"In fact, they simply begged us to accept their gifts and so let them share in the honor of supporting their brothers in Christ. Nor was their gift, as I must confess I had expected, a mere cash payment. Instead, they made a complete dedication of themselves, first to the Lord, and then to us as God's appointed ministers" (II Cor. 8:2-5 Phillips translation).

One wonders if it was not the sacrificial spirit of Paul, which inspired the deliberate and dedicated frugality of the churches in Macedonia. Paul's walk with God was one of planned poverty. He counted all personal profit but refuse in the light of eternity.

Paul in turn walked in the footsteps of his Master who "though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich." The "planned poverty" in which our Lord lived was deliberate and purposeful. There was nothing hasty or unconsidered about it. The plan was conceived from before the foundation of the world. The purpose was that we might enjoy eternal riches.

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## Wedding Bells in Brazil

By Mrs. John W. Zielasko

We met both Dormerinda Cardoso and Augusto Barbosa at the first Sunday service we attended following our arrival in Brazil. When we became better acquainted with them in the young people's meetings and various church activities in Icoaraci, we found them to be fine Christians.

Upon our return to the field from our first furlough, it was a joy to us to hear that Augusto was very much interested in Dormerinda.

Time passed. Then, four years ago Augusto requested Brother Keith Altig to intercede for him and ask for Dormerinda's hand in marriage. Such is the custom here although usually it is the boy's father who does this. However, several years ago Augusto's father left his family to live with another woman; so, Augusto did not desire to bestow this honor upon his father, and he turned rather to his spiritual father. At Brother Altig's request Senhor Joao (Mr. John Cardoso, father of Dormerinda) gladly gave his permission for his daughter to marry this fine Christian boy. And so the couple became engaged.

During the four years which have elapsed, the two young people have been saving, and buying necessary household goods for their future

home. Several times the wedding was contemplated, but one thing and then another delayed it. But finally, several weeks ago, they came to see us, to plan their wedding, and the preparations were made.

First, when the time came, we were given the honor of being testimonies for the couple at the civil ceremony, required here, which was performed by the judge in Icoaraci. After this, the religious ceremony took place at the church.

The wedding began with an organ prelude, which was followed by a wedding hymn sung by Raimundo, Altino, and Joao Cardoso, brothers of the bride. Then, as the usher, Joao Barbosa, brother of the groom, returned from seating the bride's mother, the organist began the wedding march. The bride's only attendants were two little flower-girl-ring-bearers who preceded her to the altar. They carried between them a fancy basket to which were attached ribbons holding the symbols of marriage, the wedding rings.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of lace and crystal organdy, and her fingertip veil was held in place by a crown of white flowers encircling her bouffant-



Mr. and Mrs. Augusto Barbosa

styled hair. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. John W. Zielasko. Guests came from Belem, Capitao Poco, Vigia, Agulha, and Campina.

A reception followed the ceremony, and it was held at the home of the bride.

Dormerinda is a teacher in the Brethren Christian day school in Icoaraci. Augusto, who was in the Brazilian Navy, is now employed as a civilian—a chauffeur—by the Navy. The two are active members of the Icoaraci Brethren church, and we praise the Lord for them and for the establishment of this new Christian home.

How great was that sacrifice and how deep the poverty only heaven will reveal.

In the bright light of our Lord's example, we dare not allow our giving to grow out of the shallow ground of spasmodic emotional stirrings. There must be something deep, deliberate, and disciplined about true stewardship. The work of the Lord cannot thrive on the fringe benefits of our income. Poverty-stricken souls who are without hope and without God will never enter into the riches of grace in Christ apart from planned poverty in the lives of God's children.

Where is the housewife who could

not set aside an *extra* one dollar a week from the food budget? What would happen if 100,000 wives began to do this? Multiply their sacrifice by fifty-two weeks a year and you get a little conception of the tremendous outreach for God they would have. Where is the layman who could not save one dollar a week by dropping a few of the inconsequential luxuries which he rather habitually enjoys? What would happen if only a million laymen canceled their subscriptions to a secular magazine for a year? Would it mean four million dollars for missions? What would happen if the golf

course, the bowling alley, the fishing trip, or even chewing gum were sacrificed (?) for the sake of missions?

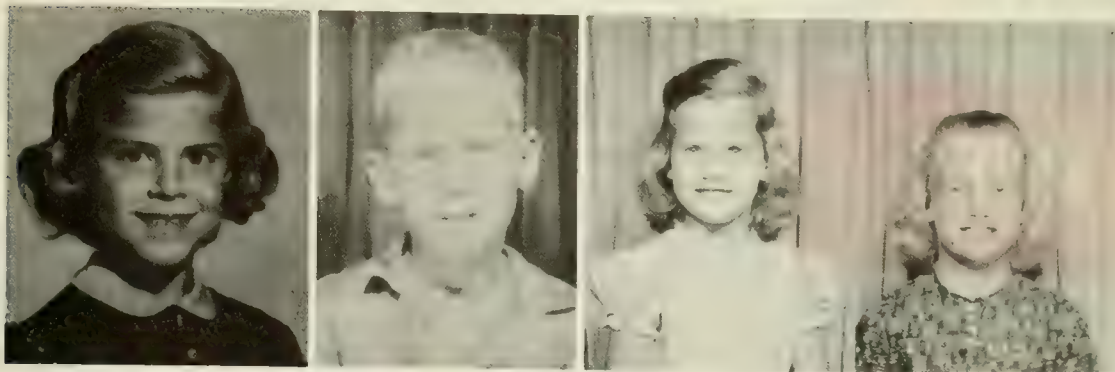
Before you do your Christmas shopping, take a second look at the drab stable and the cold, barren Bethlehem manger. Then remember the cozy comfort into which your babes were born. Is our Lord worthy of anything less than planned poverty on our part? Are the souls for which He died deserving of anything less than that sacrifice which will enable them to hear the Gospel of His love? The message of the manger is planned poverty.

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## THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

Clyde K. Landrum, Director

Box 588—Winona Lake, Ind.



**MISSIONARY HELPERS**, left to right: Renee Deutscher, Los Alamitos, California; Roger Dexter, Long Beach, California; Patti Haley, Long Beach, California; Sherri Haley, Long Beach, California. All four attend the Los Altos Brethren Church.

### KNOWING YOUR MISSIONARIES

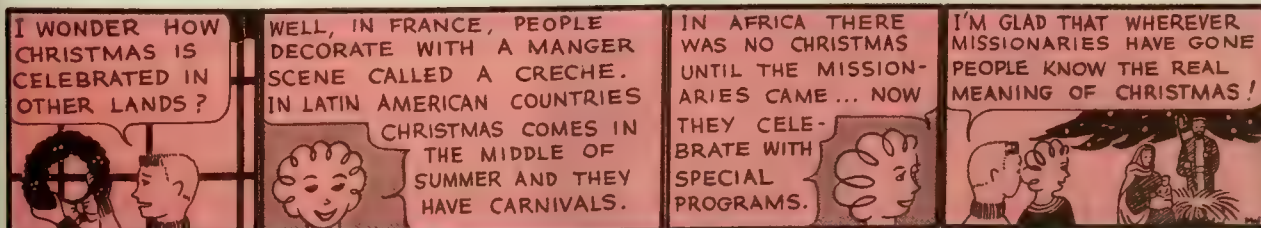
Miss Evelyn Schumacher serves the Lord as a missionary teacher in Africa. She just recently returned to the field for her second term. She teaches in the French school at the Yaloke station.

For several years before Miss Schumacher went to Africa, she worked in the foreign-mission office at Winona Lake. She was a big help to Uncle Clyde in setting up the Missionary Helpers Club. Perhaps some of you MH'ers remember her! She is still very interested in the Missionary Helpers Club, and all the boys and girls who are MH'ers.

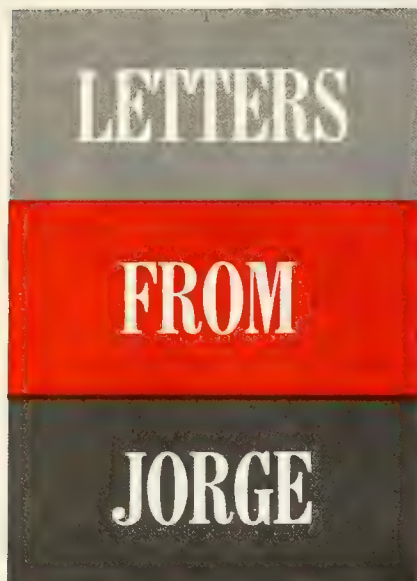


### MARY MISSIONARY—

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**By. Rev. Jack B. Churchill**

Concaran, Province of San Luis  
March 19, 1963

Dear Friend,

It was a joy to receive your letter. Romulo and I had almost lost hope of hearing from you. We are reading the New Testament. Something new and unexplainable has moved in our spirits. Please send me more books, even old ones, just so they talk about God. Romulo and I have always liked to talk about these things, and more so now that we have read what you left us. Write soon.

Jorge Garavaglia

Concaran

July 7, 1963

Dear Friend,

I received the books and I am very thankful for them. Do you know what? I think that I am an Evangelico. I believe in God and all the saints, but I worship God alone. I no

longer go to the church here in my town because I do not like to kneel before images. Each Saturday when I go to bed I say: "My God, I confess my sins to Thee." Please tell me if this means I can be an Evangelico.

Jorge

Concaran

September 23, 1963

Dear Friends (addressed to the Rio Tercero congregation as a whole),

I have decided to write to you to tell you that here in Concaran there is a member of the Evangelical church. Once I was Catholic, but one day there came to my town a young fellow that you know by the name of Angel Camandona. (Angel is the member of the gospel team who dealt with Jorge and who has written to him.) Now I am not alone because my friend Romulo also believes. Our desire is to testify and win souls for

Street meetings in another town of San Luis which has no gospel witness



Concaran—just before beginning the meeting where Jorge heard the Word; Benjamin Enrici at organ; Angel Camandona (left) and Bro. Churchill standing.



Christ. But we need help. Please send us more books and explanations.

Your friend in Christ,  
Jorge Garavaglia

The story behind these thrilling letters is as follows: In January a gospel team from our Brethren Bible Institute in Almafuerte visited an area in the neighboring province of San Luis and preached in a number of towns that have no Bible testimony. These letters show the fruit of

the Word that was sown and the working of the Holy Spirit in the life of a young man who is eighteen years old. Up until now there has been no contact with other Christians outside of the letters exchanged.

While these lines are being written a group of three from the Rio Tercero church is making a weekend visit to Jorge and Romulo and others that they had promised to gather together for Bible study and further instruction.

Praise God for this modern confirmation of the Parable of the Sower. "Behold, a sower went forth to sow . . . and when he sowed . . . some fell into good ground and brought forth fruit." Pray that this experience will call our churches to greater efforts in sowing the Word. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up the laborers necessary to serve in these unoccupied areas. Pray that Jorge and Romulo will be faithful witnesses.

## Missionary Mailbag

### Ciudad General Belgrano, Argentina

We are encouraged by the work in this place in that we are reaching many people here with the Gospel. Sunday night we had over thirty again with a large group of young people. Saturday we had a picnic with young people from Castelar and had a nice time. It was the first day of spring which is always celebrated by the students as "the day of the student." This Thursday we have our fourth women's meeting and Margaret was out inviting all forenoon.

—Rev. James Marshall

### Bangui, Cen. African Republic

You would have been thrilled to be in my office last night as Simon-Pierre Nambozouina and I chatted until quite late. He is the same cheerful, smiling, level-headed, zealous man who left here—he is much more mature, and he has a well-rounded picture of the situation in the USA as to our churches. It is thrilling to talk to him, but also discouraging when he says—but you remaining missionaries are so few, and new ones will not be able to do much for us until they have been on the field several years.

—Rev. J. P. Kliever

### San Ysidro, California

We have had a good month and want to share some of it.

Perhaps our biggest victories have been in Sunday school and young people's work. Our Friday night

young people's group is going ahead so that they are wearing out the adult sponsors who are trying to keep them going. So when we elected officers this fall, they put in a counselor and two assistants. If you should drop in any Friday, you would see three teams of approximately twenty members each all sitting on the edge of their seats ready to answer Bible-study questions, compete in Bible drills, attendance, and so forth. Program preparation is done by teams geographically located so they can get together for practice. There are four principal parts of town, so one part of town brings the program each fourth week. These four geographic teams are well scrambled among the three competitive teams, and thus all the young people get to know each other. From the competitive teams the best are chosen to represent Tijuana Brethren in Tijuana Youth for Christ, as well as Mexican National Brethren Youth Rally. The Brethren just walked off with the grand trophy for both Bible questions and attendance at the Tijuana Youth for Christ for this past year.

Sib (Edmiston) is doing very well in Jardin (Tijuana). He is now having all the regularly scheduled meetings, such as evening service, prayer meeting, and so forth. His youth group, which he brings down to join us on Friday evenings, is shining in number, as well as participation.

Juan Ramos is apparently being a real testimony in Ensenada. He brought a nice group up to participate

in our youth emphasis week. Pastor Davalos' supervision of the work in Ensenada, I think, is a good boast, too.

Francisco Lopez went back to Mazatlan, and we sent Sunday school literature with him. He writes that many are interested and meet to study. We have advised him to make the work entirely indigenous.

Guerrero Mission (Tijuana) stays about the same in number. Some come and some go. Some have been won for the Lord. The believers are growing in their responsibilities and in their giving. They give half of their offerings to help the work in Ensenada.

Aleman Mission (Tijuana) has taken a spurt of growth. Their offerings, also, hit a record high during September, even greater in growth than the attendance. They have been praying much for the financial aspect. In the July business meeting they voted to raise the pastor's salary.

The Sunday school in Aleman now runs well over one hundred every Sunday, and several new families have been gained. Prayer-meeting attendance which was down has picked up. There were eight conversions this quarter.

In business meeting, the people voted to ordain Jesus Davalos and Javier Peraza. Another step forward was taken when they voted to take a home-mission offering the fourth Sunday of every month. This is the first time, except for special offerings, that they have given an outside offering. The home-mission offering will help Mazatlan and Ensenada.

—The Walter Haags



# BACK IN ARGENTINA

By Rev. Edgar Nelson Fay

(Editor's note: When Nelson and Marjorie Fay arrived in Argentina early in 1963 to begin their service as Brethren missionaries, it meant returning to a land they already knew. Bro. Fay grew up in Argentina where his parents are missionaries under another organization, and Mrs. Fay had served a term there under still another missionary society.)

The years of college and seminary seemed extremely long at the contemplation of our proposed return to the land that had become so close to our hearts. Marjorie had entertained the hope that what would

ordinarily have been her year of furlough would be sufficient time for us to be married and return to the land where she had already served for a term, but further schooling on my part seemed advisable and the year became almost three. On the other hand, the conviction the Lord had laid on my heart that He had a place of service for me in the land where I had spent the greatest part of my life, made a seven-year schooling program seem like a lifetime. It was a great day when the Winona

Lake postman left in our box a letter in which Dr. Barnard advised us that the board had accepted our final application, and we were to make preparations for deputation among our churches. The months that followed were busy ones, but this was one of the most rewarding stages of preparation as we were afforded the opportunity to meet so many new friends, as well as to have fellowship and renew acquaintances with those we had known before.

## *The Date Was Set*

It was an even greater day when the Foreign Mission Office instructed us to make definite arrangements to sail in December or January, accompanied by Mrs. Loree Sickel who would be returning from furlough. It was decided that a West Coast sailing would be advantageous as Southern California was our home, as well as Mrs. Sickel's. Through our families in Long Beach we were able to discover that a Japanese boat left from Los Angeles harbor around the middle of January bound for Buenos Aires. The price was right and the date adequate, as it allowed us to spend Christmas with our families, so passage was secured. The trip across country was a welcome experience in spite of having three flat tires and almost losing our trailer on the Chicago tollway. Brother Clyde Landrum of the office had arranged an itinerary schedule which permitted us to visit a number of our churches in Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. The memories we retain from the visits to these churches are priceless.

## *Goodby, U.S.A.*

After three months of the delightful pleasure of being with our families, visiting different churches in the Southern California area, and enjoying good solid preaching at our home church, the day we had so longed for finally came. Soon we found ourselves tramping up the gangplank of the *Brazil Maru* under the load of the miscellaneous items of our cabin baggage. The hour before departure was a frustrating one: the invasion of friends and family permitted us only a few seconds with each when we would have liked to



The Fay Family



"store up" fellowship with everyone to last us for the five years of absence. A curious clatter, which turned out to be the Japanese way of inviting visitors ashore, broke off the hurried fellowship. Then we drifted away from the pier while on shore a large crowd sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Our hearts lumped in our throats, and we became acutely conscious that in spite of our desire to be in Argentina, it was not easy to say goodbye to our country and loved ones.

### **Frights With Rice and Curry**

Once on the high seas, our main concern was to keep our two-year-old Benjamin from going into the "bath" as he called the vast extension of water. He loved baths and we were not quite certain what he might do if he were given liberty. The second day of our trip he slipped out of the cabin while his parents were resting and, though our pursuit was immediate, he lost us. After a frantic search, he was found on the highest deck none the worse for the experience, but he had his leave canceled for the rest of the trip and was mostly confined to the dogleash we had taken for him.

We were glad for a calm sea. The small stretch of rough water did not get us down, but did manage to get our daughter, Sylvia, age ten, down from her top bunk. It was frightening to awake after hearing a thud, and to realize that Sylvia had made a clean landing on her head. The Lord was good to us, and no broken neck or concussion resulted. Just a neat bump and a sore spot for a few days.

One thing the Japanese cooks can be credited with is constancy. Our daily diet almost invariably included fish and rice with curry. To those of us who enjoyed these dishes the trip was one constant feast. We really sympathized with Mrs. Sickel who was following a limited diet by doctor's orders. She had to turn down plate after plate, and had it not been for some fruit she had brought, some strained baby foods we had with us, and other such resources, she would have faded to nothing.

### **Buenos Aires at Last**

After thirty-six days of travel we

finally sighted Buenos Aires. We were soon reminded that it is no use to be in a hurry in Argentina. We were scheduled to dock at 8:00 a.m., but the pilot and immigration authorities did not show up until 3:00 p.m. and we docked in the evening.

What a joy to identify familiar faces on the pier. We were soon able to point out to Sylvia her maternal grandparents, whom she had not seen since she was a baby of a few months. The Hoyts, Churchills, and Bishops were identified, and Marjorie pointed out my father. Ten years make quite a change.

It was extremely encouraging to notice what the Lord had done in ten years with our Brethren work. Before I had left for the States I was conscious of the struggle that Brethren Hoyt and Maconaghy were having to start new works in the Buenos Aires area. Now it is good to visit the well-established churches of Don Bosco and Marmol, as well as the fast-growing congregation in Castellar, and to know of a new work in Gral. Belgrano, which has flourished in only a few months.

### **Oh, That Red Tape!**

Among the many changes I was to notice, the red tape situation was *not* included. The consul in Los Angeles had assured us that the visa he was granting us entitled us to permanent residence and a certain customs allowance. The immigration officer on board had a different idea and stamped our passports for one year's residence. Later the customs authorities stated that the consul was probably right, but since our passports were stamped for one year we could not take advantage of the customs-free allowance. Then began an unending sequence of visits to Immigration, Customs, Foreign Relations, and various other government offices. A patient wait of four "visit-crowded" months was necessary before all was solved, and we were recognized as permanent immigrants.

### **Home in Alta Cordoba**

House hunting is not an easy thing in Argentina. There is a severe shortage of housing and consequently there are no standard rates for rents. Some owners get fantastic rents,

while others because of having rented years back and not being able to raise the rent by government regulations, receive ten or twenty times less for a comparable property. In addition to the shortage, we needed to find a place that was conveniently located to start a new work. Many hours were spent studying newspaper ads, and for weeks Brother Lynn Schrock had a full-time job accompanying me to different places that seemed feasible. The Lord answered our prayers by giving us a nice home, very appropriate for house meetings, in the north part of the city of Cordoba, an area which has no other testimony and offers good opportunities. The fanatic prejudice which was present some years ago is rapidly disappearing, and we are trusting that the Lord will open the hearts of our neighbors to the Gospel. We were thrilled with the record attendance of twenty-two in our Sunday school last Lord's Day.

### **Promising Days Ahead**

In the few months we have been here, some of the many changes we have noticed are not very encouraging. It is good to notice the good reputation that Christians, as a whole, enjoy with the people of the land. The Christian radio programs are received with interest by many Catholics. Christian schools are springing up in several places. The Argentine Christians are taking an increasing interest in assuming the responsibility for the evangelization of their land; we were happy to notice this tendency among our own people. Some of our young people are preparing for evangelization among Argentine Indians. We have those who are vitally involved in the Christian day-school movement, and many lay people are actively interested in testifying and inviting neighbors and friends to meetings.

Our program as a whole is not without problems, and we ask the prayers of God's people that the transition may affirm itself on a solid basis. We hope to see the day when the Argentine Church is entirely self-supporting and self-propagating with the missionaries working as aids to the national church for the establishing of new testimonies and assisting in specialized ministries.



# Christmas Greetings

## From Your WMC President

Mrs. Thomas Hammers

PEACE  
FOR HIS  
OWN

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Thus with a message of peace the angels heralded the birth of the Christ Child Jesus. Theirs was a prophetic message looking down the avenues of time to the triumphant return of this Babe as King of kings and Lord of lords to bring eternal peace. Stirred by the angels' song the shepherd's "came with haste and found . . . the babe lying in a manger." He was not a conquering king as they had expected, but they believed and went forth "glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."

Some thirty years later this same Jesus announced His death and return to glory with a message of peace when He said to *His Own*: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

Is this the same peace of which the angels sang? No indeed! This is the very peace of God within the soul of each believer who has made his peace with God through faith in Christ, who has surrendered every temptation, every need, every worry, every problem to Him. This is the peace of which Isaiah wrote: "Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

This is not a peace which automatically takes control of our lives. It is very revealing to note that the verses which speak of the peace of God contain verbs of action. Christ gives it, but we must do something to experience and keep it.

Paul wrote: "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but . . . by prayer and supplication . . . let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God . . . shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

The psalmist urged: "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it."

Peter admonished: "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

These verses prove that we must be on guard against worry, neglecting God's Word and prayer, sin and disobedience, thus hindering the promise of perfect peace in our hearts.

There have always been Christians whose hearts are restless instead of restful, whose lives are full of conflict instead of confidence, and whose testimony is characterized by problems instead of praise. Paul knew this when he encouraged the Colossian Christians: "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts . . . let the word of Christ dwell in you richly . . . do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Yes; Christ bestows the peace of God within *His Own*, but we must commit our hearts and lives completely to Him to daily experience it.

At this Christmastime a priceless gift to give to our Lord and Saviour is a surrendered life for His keeping. In return "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." The peace of God within cannot be hidden, for those we meet will sense its presence and desire the Christ of our peaceful confidence and joy.

May this be the experience of every WMC woman at this blessed Christmas season.

**Your National Officers**  
**Join in Wishing You a Blessed Christmas**

# What Are You Giving Your Child?

By Mrs. E. William Male

Winona Lake, Indiana



the Male family

"Come see what I got for Christmas," exclaimed my nephew excitedly. "Isn't it super?"

There scattered on the livingroom floor was a shiny red dump truck, garage, filling station, and the works. This was enough to make any six-year-old boy's eyes light up.

"Say, that sure is neat" I said. "Where did you get all this?" "Oh, Dad brought it over yesterday," he said.

Here was a classic example of a divorced father lavishing expensive gifts on his child trying to compensate for the lack of love and unhappiness in the home.

My heart cried out to God for this little lad. I said to myself, Gordon doesn't need these toys. What he needs is a father's love and security, and to be taught that we have a loving Heavenly Father who longs to gather us under His arm, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings (Matt. 23:37).

As someone has so aptly stated, the world is dying for lack of love. (The love is here, in the gift of the Lord Jesus, but most people don't realize it.) As Scofield puts it: "Jesus Christ is God's love-gift to the world, and believers [we Christians] are the Father's love-gift to Jesus Christ." What kind of love-gifts are we? Will we make Jesus proud of His trophies, or will He need to be ashamed of us? Here is the responsibility for us as Christians, to show forth the love that Christ would show if He still walked this earth.

What about your children, parents!

Do you really love them, or do you just heap material gifts upon them and think that is sufficient? Christian mother, do you sincerely believe your children are your most precious gift from God, or is obtaining a second income your primary concern?

Let's take a look at your home. Do you Christian parents have *daily* family devotions? (This is besides your own personal devotions, remember.) Do you mothers and fathers pray daily and persevere for your child's salvation and dedicated life to the Lord? Do you memorize God's Word with your children and set a good example for them to hide God's Word in their heart that they might not sin against God (Ps. 119:11)? Do you, Mother and Dad, manifest the fruits of the spirit in the home, as well as outside the home? These are a few gifts you can give your child that the world cannot take away.

I recall a family in one church where we pastored. The children loved and respected their parents, and I remember the daughter talking fondly about her father, and that she could not remember her father missing a single day without Bible reading, regardless if they had company or were on a trip. This same family made it a practice of memorizing and reciting at the table whole Psalms. This was a little family ritual that the children, now grown and married, remembered with joy.

This same church had a lady who would put Scripture to music. This was a delightful way to memorize God's Word.

I thank God that in my own home I can look back and recall such blessed experiences. (I'm sure we don't appreciate such Christian homes until we are grown and away from them.)

Father would always have Bible reading and prayer (on our knees) at the breakfast table regardless whether the eggs or oatmeal got cold. (Incidentally I still like eggs and oatmeal to this day—contrary to what psychology might teach.) Especially do I remember with joy gathering around the family piano and singing the good old gospel hymns. As a child I thought mother and dad's voices harmonized and made such beautiful music (which they should and did). It was their prayers and influence that brought their daughter through many temptations and decisions.

Just as an example. After my husband and I were married, we were pastoring two churches in a modernistic denomination. After graduation from college my husband was seeking the Lord's direction for seminary training. Although we were "young in the Lord" my husband knew that our denominational seminaries were not what we wanted, but we didn't know where else to turn. In fact, we even traveled 1400 miles to visit a well-known seminary in the East. After seeing these seminary students (future ministers of the Gospel, mind you) throw their cigarettes away before walking into chapel, and to hear their neo-orthodox teaching, we knew

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# WHEN GOD SPEAKS

*When Jesus speaks my name, with joy my heart is singing;  
When Jesus speaks, I own His sovereign claim;  
He stills the tempest, He calms the raging billows;  
I have sweet peace when Jesus speaks my name.*

The words to the above song had been running through my mind for several days, so as I considered a theme, "God speaking" was foremost in my thoughts.

Consider some of the times God spoke and the results of the reactions of those to whom He spoke. In Genesis 2:16 and 17 we find God speaking to Adam. Adam had been placed in the garden of Eden with his every need supplied with only the restriction that he should not eat of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." He did not obey the command of God, and when he next heard God's voice, he hid himself. Because he did not listen to God, all mankind was plunged into sin.

In the following years, man became so wicked it grieved God that He had made him. "And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me: for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark . . ." (Gen. 6:13-14). Noah was obedient unto God, and thus his life and the lives of his wife, sons, and their wives were spared.

After the flood, the earth was repopulated. God continued to speak. Most of the people turned a deaf ear, although there were always a few who listened. Samuel answered God with: "Speak, for thy servant heareth." And Isaiah answered: "Here am I, send me." When the people listened to the warning of the prophets, and did the things that were right in the sight of God, they were victorious



By Mrs. Harold Arrington  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

and prospered, but too often they chose to worship idols and not to follow God.

The years passed and the nation of Israel was taken into captivity. For seventy years they dwelt in Babylon, and while they were there they learned some lessons, one which they have never forgotten—not to worship idols. After the seventy years many of them returned to Jerusalem, but they were never restored to their former glory as a nation.

About 400 years after the captivity, we find God speaking again. This time to Mary. He told her that she had been chosen to bring forth the Son of God to be the Saviour of all who would believe. In due time Mary brought forth God's Son.

During the three years of His earthly ministry, Jesus went throughout Palestine teaching and winning men and women to himself. He chose the twelve disciples and taught them in order that they might continue the work of witnessing after His return to heaven.

After His ascension, He spoke to Paul on the Damascus road. Paul repented of his sin and became the first missionary to travel throughout the known world, and to establish churches to the glory of God.

Jesus is speaking to us today. In Acts 1:8 He says: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Just before His return to heaven, Jesus spoke to us and told us to tell others what we know about Him. What is your reaction, what is my reaction going to be to this command of our Lord? Are we "witnessing"? Are we telling others what we know about Christ—that He loves people, that He died to save them from their sins? that He will give eternal life to all who repent of their sins, and by faith trust Jesus to save them? that He is in heaven preparing a home for us who are saved, that He is coming again for us, and that He will judge the world?

The eternal destiny of many will be determined by our response to this command of Jesus.

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

### ARGENTINA—

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| Mrs. Jack B. Churchill  | February 2        |
| Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A. |                   |
| Mrs. Robert J. Cover  | February 16       |
| Reconquista 178, Corral de Bustos, F.C.N.G.B.M., Argentina, S. A.               |                   |
| David Andrew Churchill  | February 26, 1962 |
| Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Tercero, F.C.B.M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A. |                   |

### MEXICO—

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| Linda Marlene Edmiston                          | February 11, 1948 |
| 519 Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, California, U.S.A. |                   |

### IN THE UNITED STATES—

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| Miss Lois Miller                                   | February 21       |
| 1007 Second Street (Juniata) Altoona, Pennsylvania |                   |
| Linda Christine Burk                               | February 24, 1952 |
| 11259 Pope Avenue, Lynwood, California             |                   |



# Miss Ruth Kent--Teacher-Missionary

1963-1964 WMC BIRTHDAY MISSIONARY

BY MARCIA WARDELL

It was not by whim, chance, or circumstance that Miss Ruth Kent went to Africa to teach the children of missionaries. God had called and prepared her over a period of years for this particular ministry, and when the appeal was issued for such a teacher, Miss Kent was ready.

Northern Indiana, near Nappanee, was Ruth's birthplace. She grew up in a Christian home and in the surroundings of a Christian community. In spite of these influences (she states this rather apologetically, saying: "I have always been slow to do things that are new"), she did not accept the Lord as her Saviour until she was thirteen. But her decision then was real, and she knew she wanted to serve the Lord, as well as to belong to Him. Though it was many years away from realization, even then there had been implanted in her heart the desire to teach in Africa. But she kept the desire to herself and told no one of it.

When Ruth finished high school she confided in her mother her desire for missionary training, but as both parents discussed such a future for Ruth, they concluded that she did not realize all that this would involve. "We were a family that thought of things in a practical way and this seemed so impractical."

Two years passed, and finally Ruth's parents agreed that she might enter Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. "It was my first experience of a real answer to prayer for my life." The training at Bible school, where she spent two years, proved very valuable indeed as she studied especially for working with children. But she was not able to complete the course, for her father passed away and Ruth was needed at home to care for her mother and sister who were ill.

Another two years passed and then Ruth went away to college, putting in her preliminary application to the foreign mission board at the same time. The four years were divided between Ashland and Goshen Col-

leges; it was from Goshen that she received her A.B. degree. "After college the war made travel abroad hard, so I began teaching thinking I would teach one year, and then perhaps the time would be right for me to go to the field." The one year lengthened into seven and she kept teaching, but the "right time" finally came. At the Brethren National Conference in 1945, an appeal was made for one to go to Africa to teach the missionaries' children. This was the very field of service that had been on Ruth's heart for so long. Her im-



Miss Ruth Kent

mediate response surprised many people, she says: "But it was no surprise to me."

Early in the summer of 1946 Miss Kent left the United States for Africa by ship, and arrived in July. "I started teaching out here in little round native type houses which had been built for a mimeograph worker. There were three children to start with, but soon there were six. It kept growing until we had seventeen, but are now down to ten. My experience grew with the number."

Until a regular teacher was sent to

the field for a definite ministry of teaching missionaries' children, the parents had had to do the best they could in the educating of their children. In the early days of the Mission, several of the families had left their small children in the U. S. because there were no educational facilities on the field. Later the parents took the children to the field and attempted to teach them personally along with doing their other work. Sometimes one missionary attempted to conduct a school of sorts by teaching all the children. Therefore, it was with genuine thanksgiving that the missionary parents welcomed Miss Kent as an addition to the staff.

The Bellevue station was the first of several temporary locations for the school until finally it was permanently established at the Bible Center station. Several years ago a building was erected there for the Missionary Children's School, as well as a dormitory building for the children living away from home.

It would be impossible to estimate the worth of Ruth Kent's faithful ministry in teaching these children of grade-school age, and the now-grown-up children remember her fondly. It is Miss Kent's prayer that her life may be an example to the children. Surely her life can be an example to *all* Christians—through her willingness to hear the Lord's call to service, her persevering through delays, and her cheerful way of serving Him to the best of her ability in each opportunity afforded her. And truly her pleasant manner and happy disposition is a blessing to all.

In concluding, let it not be forgotten that Miss Kent loves the Africans, too. Whenever vacations and other free time makes it possible, Ruth's ministry to the Africans themselves stamps her as not only a teacher of missionaries' children, but also a real *missionary teacher* serving the Lord Jesus Christ on the foreign field.



## WMC News

**NORTHERN ATLANTIC.** The highlight of the morning session of the district rally held at the Hatboro, Pennsylvania church was a Project offering of over \$628 to be used by the Brennemans of Puerto Rico in enlarging their carport to accommodate the growing English-speaking congregation which worships at their home.

The morning session opened with a song service led by Mrs. Wymer, and a welcome by Mrs. Tinder, both being from the hostess church. Mrs. Wilhelm of the York church read John 1:1-13, and led in prayer in the morning devotional period and Mrs. Bates sang, "In the Glory of His Presence."

In the time devoted to the national offerings challenge, the Palmyra council emphasized the foreign-missions offering. In a skit Mrs. Foster and Miss Tyson were impersonated in a conversation about the offering. The home-mission emphasis was in the hands of the Lancaster WMC and in this skit a woman in a fearsome mask representing "Home Missions Deficit" was chased from the room by "Mrs. Buffalo Nickel." In the General and Publications offering skit the Harrisburg council showed how one woman was converted to giving her share for this important work. The Philadelphia First WMC explained the divisions of the Christian Education offering by means of a well-executed poster.

Pen Pointers were remembered by the song, "Pen Pointers Tell You What To Do" and by a very helpful poster made by Miss Kolb, district Pen Pointer chairman.

Bible reading awards were presented to twenty-four ladies who had read the Bible through at least once a year for a varying number of years.

Mrs. Lester Smitley, the president, presided at the business meeting during which it was decided that the spring project was to be furnishing a room in the new Grace College dormitory.

After devotions and a beautiful duet brought by the Hatboro council

the afternoon session was devoted to an address by Mrs. Austin Robbins, missionary to Africa. She gave a most interesting description of her life and work on the mission field as a medical technician and young people's worker and outlined a number of prayer requests that will encourage specific prayer on the part of WMC members.

The session closed with the president's message in which she reviewed the WMC work since the spring rally, and outlined the objectives ahead. The last matter of business was that in which the York council relinquished the attendance tray to be shared by the Allentown and Philadelphia First councils until the spring rally.

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this was not what we were seeking.

My parents, and several fundamental pastors, were praying for us that the Lord would not let us make the wrong choice. My parents were attending a fundamental independent Baptist church near their home, and they suggested we talk with their minister. He was a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, and although we had never heard of this school before, after a visit to the school, we enrolled the following fall semester. We have never been sorry! Truly the Lord does answer prayer beyond our understanding. Praise Him for praying parents!

It seems like the day in which we live, we hear more about children praying for unsaved parents than vice versa. I am amazed at our number of college students who have unsaved parents. Hardly a prayer meeting goes by but that a student will request prayer for an unsaved mother or father. How tragic! What's happened to the responsibility of parenthood? This is just like salvation with some folk. Some parents want the joy and blessing of children, but they are not willing to deprive or discipline themselves to train their children according to God's plan. Likewise, some people want salvation as an escape from hell, but they don't want to be

**NORTHERN OHIO.** The WMC held its district rally at the Cleveland Brethren Church on October 28. We met in the sanctuary at 11:00 for a time of prayer and devotion led by Mrs. Russell Ogden. She divided us into pairs of prayer partners by giving out cards with names of Bible characters to be matched with kindred characters, attributes, or objects. So Ananias found Sapphira; Job, many trials; and Joseph, a coat of many colors. In her devotional talk, Betty impressed upon us the necessity of holiness in daily life in the home, and in our work. Mrs. Atlee Hostetter gave a review of one of the books recommended for this year, *Mission to the Headhunters* by Frank and Marie Drown.

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bothered to give up or do anything extra for the Lord Jesus.

Children are our God-given responsibility. God has loaned them to us for a few short years to train them and teach them to love Him. We dare not fail our task. America is reaping today the harvest of unloved, untaught, non-spiritual generations. It disturbs me to see mothers leave their precious infants with a babysitter and take a job of employment outside the home. In the first place the Bible says that women are to be "keepers at home" (Titus 2:5).

Secondly, they will lose precious days of growth and development in the infant which they can never regain. Thirdly, the financial and material gain that they will receive cannot compensate for the personal and individual attention that a child needs and deserves. Fourthly, just what is your goal? Is it something that will better your family spiritually, as well as intellectually. Get your eyesight above and beyond the attractions of this world (Col. 3:2).

Christian parents, although we realize the essentials of everyday living are necessary, don't neglect to give your children spiritual gifts that will last for eternity. Gifts that will help and sustain them in an unsecure world. Give your children yourself, your love, your time and patience, and your Saviour (Luke 11:13).



# Serving My Master

For we are his workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus unto  
good works, which God hath  
before ordained that we  
should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10.

## SERVING MY MASTER... BY MY DAILY LIVING

By Miss Mary Beth Munn

It was grass-burning time at Bekoro. We had gone out to watch the merriment of the lively hunt for small trapped animals. As we neared our leper village, we could see vivacious Ramah leading the ladies. She had her three-month old baby girl tied on one hip, a long handled trowel in one hand, a rusty can full of fat wiggling grasshoppers in the other, and three very dead mice dangling in a rag from her waist.

Jacques and Ramah had come to Bekoro because Jacques wanted to be a minister of the Gospel, but Ramah had a spot of leprosy on her back. They knew from village examples that if the spot was left untreated in a few years she would be completely incapacitated by it.

After several years of treatment, her spot completely disappeared, so they were able to attend Bible Institute. It was there, on a hunt with other students, that a leopard attacked Jacques, tearing his face to shreds and deforming his left eye.

The Lord had blessed their home with five girls, so when a baby boy arrived we were all very thrilled. They took turns holding him and just looking at him. His sisters vied for the privilege of doing any little chore in his behalf.

When he was just one week old, they sent word to me that the baby had died in the night. I went immediately to try to comfort them, but I went with tears. Jacques was sitting in a chair on the veranda studying the Word. Inside the house, many women were sitting on the

floor so that I had to step high to get to Ramah. When she saw my tears, she hugged me, blew mightily in both my ears, kissed both cheeks, and quoted: "The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away, blessed is the name of our Lord."

Two years later I decided to hike the fifteen miles out to their village



Miss Munn

with young Antoine to carry my mat, blanket, and some soap for gifts. When we finally arrived at Jacques' Karre chapel, only an old deacon was home. He ran to call the family from their cotton garden at once by climbing a high rock and beating this message over and over on his drum; "Come home—come home—home—home. Make your feet run

pam—pam—pamity—pam—pam."

The first to arrive were two young men who appeared to be just frantic. After much excited talking, we learned that yesterday someone had heard that an enemy would fly over our land on Friday (this was Wednesday) and drop poison on everyone. This frightening word had paralyzed the villagers. They all just sat down to wait for their doom.

The villagers were amazed when Jacques, Ramah, and their girls went hiking through the villages with their hoes to work in their garden. Why work on Wednesday or Thursday when death waited for all on Friday?

Jacques took the opportunity to tell them that they never know from one day to the next just what tomorrow would bring. Maybe they would be poisoned, but he couldn't give up in fear of this, for he was a Christian and he was "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, his Saviour Jesus Christ." Some, who had long hardened their hearts to the Gospel, did come to him to confess Christ. Then everyone took courage and followed Jacques to their gardens. Imagine their fear, though, when the message came from the drum to come home quickly! Surely their worst fears were now realized!

Ramah spent the day feeding us. We had honey in the comb, wild grapes, boiled peanuts, manioc soup, and water from a rock. Over seventy people came to the evening worship to hear the message of Titus 2:11-

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## Reporting!

*Cheyenne, Wyoming* — The Middler-Senior SMM group reorganized in September. The girls are enjoying the devotional programs and the work projects. On Halloween night, they went out "treating"—handing out tracts.

*Conemaugh (Mundy's Corner), Pennsylvania*—The Junior SMM girls made special calendars for the month of November to help them collect an offering for the district-missions project. The Middlers have completed their aprons for Puerto Rico, and spent a Saturday in November making candy for their college students. The Senior girls finished more than twenty-two kimonos at a recent pizza party, and have

"adopted" Anita, a little girl from our Navajo Mission, to pray for and send gifts to.

*Denver, Colorado*—The Little Sisters toured the Coco-Cola Bottling Company, and are gathering colored pictures for a picture file to aid Sunday-school teachers. The Middler and Senior SMM girls had a hobby party recently. Some of the more interesting collections were of spiritual records, matchbook covers, and tea-cups.

*Kittanning, Pennsylvania* — The Middler SMM girls planned, prepared, and served a meal for their mothers. The girls are planning to prepare a basket of food for a needy family at Thanksgiving, and to make candy to send to our Navajo Mission for Christmas.

## Additions and Corrections

When you send to the National SMM literature secretary for awards or materials, please include the address to which you want the material sent, as well as the *name of the church* that the SMM is associated with. This will insure speed and accuracy in filling your orders.

Due to an error, the Northern Ohio District Patroness and President names were left out of *The Brethren Annual*, page 44. You may wish to write them in: Pat., Mrs. Robert Wise, 276 College St., Wadsworth, Ohio. Pres., Nancy Crawford, 7653 Cindell Street, S.E., East Canton, Ohio.

## WANTED!

Your news items for the *Missionary Herald* are wanted. Send to national editor.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that you may be a living example of Christ by living righteously and godly in our present world.

2. Pray for Jacques, and the other African pastors, that they might remain faithful in their God-given task of leading their own people to Christ.

3. Pray for Miss Mary Beth Munn, former missionary to Africa, that her life may continue to show forth the victory of Christ in her.

4. Continue to pray for your national officers that this very important work may be accomplished.

## SERVING...

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14. "Come to Christ for salvation. And Christians, live righteously and godly in this *present* world."

Here are living examples of this very message. Though their lives are riddled with seeming setbacks and sorrows, they have denied all ungodliness and worldly lusts and have found the grace of Christ to be sufficient to live godly in this present world. You and I can, too, as we meditate upon His Word to us daily, and as we let Him be the Lord of our hearts and lives right now, today.

## CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE

### BOOKLETS

for SMM girls

▼ Plain Talk About Love and Sex for Christian Young People

▼ How to Tell if You're in Love

▼ How to Know the Will of God for Your Life

All are by William Orr

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The Brethren Missionary Herald  
Box 544 Winona Lake, Ind.

## Suggested Program for January

### Bible Study:

"The SMM girl . . . has 'faith' like Jochebed"

Junior—Mrs. Lester Smitley

Middler—Mrs. S. C. Grubb

Senior—Mrs. John Neely

### Mission Study:

"Serving my Master . . . by my daily living"

Miss Mary Beth Munn

### Memory Verses:

Heb. 11:1

Heb. 11:1, 6a

Heb. 11:23-25

# Praise and Prayer

BRETHREN DAY OF PRAYER—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

## GRACE SEMINARY, COLLEGE

PRAY for the students as they go home for Christmas vacation that they may have safety of travel and bear a good testimony in their homes and churches.

PRAY for the college students as they pre-register on December 16 for the second semester beginning January 24.

PRAY for the new students in both college and seminary who will be coming to school the second semester.

PRAY for the opening of the new girl's dormitory, and the operation of the General Dining Hall at the beginning of the second semester.

PRAY that the Lord's will be done with respect to the matter of the regional accreditation of the college.

## HOME MISSIONS

PRAY for the officers elected to new positions in our home-mission churches that they might fulfill these responsibilities in a way pleasing unto the Lord.

PRAISE God for the addition of a nurse at the Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School and pray for this ministry of Miss Lois Wilson.

PRAY for the relocation of the Seattle (Wash.) testimony.

PRAY for the physical needs of Sam I. Horney, Taos, New Mexico.

PRAY for the ministry of the Brethren Financial Planning Service.

PRAY for the new publication by Brethren Home Missions that it will become an effective means of communication to our Brethren people.

## LAYMEN

PRAISE God for the Laymen who have responded with \$5 gifts to the Scholarship Fund.

PRAY for an effective Christian witness among all our laymen.

PRAISE God for several laymen's groups newly started, or revitalized.

PRAY for wisdom on the part of your officers that they may be able to guide their work.

PRAY for the laymen as they visit jails, missions, and hospitals with the gospel message.

## SMM

PRAY that our SMM girls will spend more time "alone with Him."

PRAY for those writing our programs for next year.

PRAY for all the patronesses and their assistants that their life may be a good testimony to the girls in her group.

PRAISE the Lord for many faithful Christian girls in SMM.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAY that visitors to our Sunday schools during the holiday season may be given a real welcome, included in the fellowship of our classes, and above all, well taught from the Word of God.

PRAY that teachers may be personally prepared by the Holy Spirit to teach the Bible lesson each week, and that pupils may be led to an understanding of the lesson materials.

PRAY that every school may either enlarge, or begin, a Cradle Roll Ministry in the year 1964.

PRAY for continued financial support of the National Sunday School Board in the new year.

PRAY that 1965 may bring us the largest ingathering of people in our schools, and that this will result in a real spiritual revival among our churches.

## YOUTH COUNCIL

PRAISE the Lord for answered prayer concerning the camp site for the Brethren Youth Conference.

PRAY for the need of financial support for the purchasing of the national youth conference grounds.

PRAY for the National Youth Week, January 26 to February 2. Pray that our churches may win many teen-agers to Christ during this week, and that many Christian young

people may give their lives for full-time service.

PRAY for the ministry of the Youth Evangelism Team.

## MISSIONARY HERALD

PRAISE the Lord for His man to do the construction work on our educational offices.

PRAY for speed and accuracy for those in charge of sending out the Christmas mail orders.

PRAY that the Sunday school committee shall have wisdom in choosing future writers for our Sunday school materials.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

PRAISE the Lord for the good reports from the evangelistic campaigns in which our new evangelist, Ron Thompson, has been engaged. Numerous decisions for salvation and rededication have been reported.

PRAY that the Lord will raise up a full-time man to replace Rev. Bob Collitt, who has resigned as our evangelist to enter the pastorate.

PRAY for wisdom to be given the chairman of the Board of Evangelism as he makes arrangements with other men to fulfill the commitments made for meetings originally scheduled for Bro. Collitt.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

PRAISE God for the Brethren Mexican young people who are studying in the Bible Institute in Tijuana to prepare for full-time service. Pray that the Lord will meet their every need, both materially and spiritually.

PRAY that the Lord will give wisdom to the missionaries in Africa as they meet together this month for field council and plan the work for the year ahead.

PRAISE the Lord for nine who were recently baptized at Capitao Poco, a new work near Capanema, Brazil. Pray for the pastor, John Barbosa, as he carries on this ministry.

PRAY for the Lord's blessing on the work at Red Hill Chapel in Hawaii.

PRAISE God for those who have come to know Him through the radio broadcasts in Argentina. Pray that the Lord will continue to use this ministry to the salvation of many souls.



# CHURCH NEWS

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**WAYNESBORO, PA.** The Mid-Atlantic district missionary conference was held Nov. 10-17 at the First Brethren Church here, the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., and the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Every major missionary interest of The Brethren Church was represented. Dr. Russell Barnard, Dr. Orville Jobson, and nine Brethren missionaries represented the Foreign Missionary Society; Rev. Lester Pifer and two home missionaries represented the Home Missions Council; Rev. A. R. Kriegbaum represented Grace Schools; the Leo Polmans were the Brethren National Youth Council representatives; Dr. Harold Etling represented the National Sunday School Board; and Mr. Kenneth Herman represented the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

**NOTICE:** Churches considering new hymnals are invited to consider *Inspiring Hymns* published by Sing-Spiration. The Brethren Missionary Herald offers them to churches at \$1.70 each in quantities, postage paid. Extended terms are available at no extra charge for Sunday-school classes or groups who may wish to purchase them as a project. They are available in three colors: Maroon, blue, and green. (*Inspiring Hymns* was the first choice of the National Conference Hymnbook Committee.)

**WINCHESTER, VA.** Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, members of the First Brethren Church, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in November.

**LONGVIEW, TEX.** Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., and academic dean of LeTourneau College, received two distinguished honors recently in the educational

field. Dr. Gingrich has received recognition in the twenty-first volume of *Who's Who in American Education*. The Academic Dean has also received membership in The National Association of Doctors of the United States (NADUS). After receiving his A.B. degree from Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, Dr. Gingrich entered Grace Theological Seminary where he received his B.D., Th.M., Th.D. It is of interest to note that Dr. Gingrich was also one of the founders of Grace Theological Seminary.

**TAOS, N. MEX.** Sam Horney, pastor of the Canon Brethren Church, has sent a request to the Missionary Herald Company that we publicize a non-denominational project of trading stamps in Taos called "Stamps for Toys." Brother Horney is assisting in this project. He desires that Brethren people send any kind of trading stamp. Each year "Stamps for Toys" has distributed thousands of toys to Taos County children at Christmastime. Send stamps to Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, N. Mex.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The names of all Brethren ministers listed in the 1963 *Brethren Annual* are appearing on this news page for your intercessory prayer.

Wayne Snider, Winona Lake, Ind.

Roy Snyder, Africa  
Blaine Snyder, Winona Lake, Ind.

Gerald Teeter, Hagerstown, Md.  
John Terrell, Martinsburg, Pa.  
William Snell, Meyersdale, Pa.

**GOSHEN, IND.** James Kennedy accepted the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, which was effective Nov. 10. Mr. Kennedy will graduate from Grace Theological Seminary in June 1964.

**WINONA LAKE, IND.** Mr. Jack Brown, former U. S. District Attorney, was guest speaker at the Men and Boys' Banquet on Nov. 26, which was sponsored by the laymen of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor.

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.** Ralph Colburn, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, makes the following interesting observations: There

were 688 in Brethren Sunday schools in Florida Nov. 24, and only nine years ago there were no Brethren churches in this state. Just eight years ago there were just 61 people present in the one Sunday school at Fort Lauderdale. Now there are four churches here with more in prospect in the near future.

**BEAUMONT, CALIF.** Archie L. Lynn submitted his resignation as pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, which became effective Oct. 27. Pastor Lynn reports that his ministry was fruitful and enjoyable, but his doctor recommended that he leave the pastorate for health reasons.

**CLAY CITY, IND.** The latest report on Randall Rossman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, is that he has been afflicted with cancer of the lymph glands. Brother Rossman has been treated with one of the newest nitro-mustard drugs, but it has not proven effective. Urgent prayer by our entire brotherhood is requested.

**MANSFIELD, OHIO.** The Woodville Grace Brethren Church reports that there were 257 people in attendance at the Nov. 24 morning worship service, and two persons made public decisions. M. L. Myers, pastor.

**WHEATON, ILL.** Eddie Smith, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, Ind., was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church Nov. 17. Dean Fetterhoff is pastor.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, 2579 Eleventh St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Collitt, 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md. Rev. and Mrs. H. Don Rough, 700 Liberty Ave., Johnstown, Pa. New phone number for Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Teeter is 739-8585, Hagerstown, Md. Rev. and Mrs. Archie Lynn, Green Hotel, Pasadena 17, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Thompson, 1130 Pecan Ave., Hopewell, Va.

**MARTINSBURG, PA.** The First Brethren Church, John Terrell, pastor, conducted a missionary-evangelistic conference during Oct. 20-27. The Brethren missionary speakers were: Lois Ringler, Rev. and Mrs. George Johnson, Lois Miller, Bertha



Abel, Dr. Austin Robbins, Rev. and Mrs. Edmund Leech, and Dr. Russell Barnard. The evangelist was Dean Fetterhoff, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Wheaton, Ill. A "Missionary Fair" was presented each evening, Monday through Thursday. A prayer time with the missionaries was held each morning, and a visitation program was conducted each afternoon of the conference. The Sunday-school attendance on Oct. 13 was 369.

WASHINGTON, D. C. James Dixon, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington and Counselor for Gospel Light Publications, and James Lynn, professor of music at the Washington Bible College, were workshop leaders at the Greater Washington Sunday-school Convention Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

LEESBURG, IND. Homecoming was held at the Leesburg Brethren Church on Nov. 10 with Richard E. Grant, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, as speaker in the morning service. The film "In His Steps" was shown in the evening service. Kenneth Koontz, pastor.

MANHEIM, PA. Russell H. Weber has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here to accept the call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Palmyra, Pa., which is effective Jan. 1, 1964. Mrs. Weber was discharged from Lancaster General Hospital on Oct. 26 after eight months confinement following an automobile accident. The prayers and cards from many friends throughout the brotherhood have been greatly appreciated.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Anniversary Sunday at the First Brethren Church and open house at the new parsonage was held Nov. 24. Charles Turner, pastor.

GLENDAL, CALIF. Evangelist Ron Thompson concluded an eight-day evangelistic crusade at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 22. Pastor Robert E. A. Miller reports that there were 21 decisions for Christ and excellent interest during the service. Fifty people made prayer commitments for a 24-hour prayer vigil each day.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Sunday-school attendance averaged 154 at the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington during the month of October. James Dixon, pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. On Oct. 31, Rev. Gerald Teeter and his family arrived at the Gay Street Brethren Church to take up the new pastoral duties. Homecoming day on Nov. 3 provided a record-breaking day with 168 in attendance at Sunday school. A surprise pantry shower was held for the pastor and his family on the following Wednesday night.

LEESBURG, IND. Kenneth Koontz, was ordained to the Christian ministry at the Leesburg Brethren Church on Nov. 10 where he is now pastor. He graduated from Grace College with a bachelor of arts degree in 1959, and received his bachelor of divinity from Grace Theological Seminary in 1962. Dr. Herman A.



Rev. Kenneth Koontz

Koontz, father of Kenneth Koontz and pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa., delivered the ordination sermon. Other ministers who participated in the ordination service were: Rev. Charles Koontz, manager of the College Bookstore; Rev. Richard E. Grant, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*; Dr. James Boyer, professor at Grace Seminary, and Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Wayne Snider, professor of history at Grace College, spoke on "Christianity and Communism" at the First Brethren Church Nov. 1-3. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

RADFORD, VA. During Oct. 6-13 Jack Peters, pastor of the Calvary

Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., conducted revival meetings at the Fairlawn Brethren Church. K. E. Richardson, pastor. There were 25 decisions for Christ: three for salvation, 21 rededications, and one for church membership.

CORBETT, OREG. The Northwest District Brethren Men's Retreat was held Nov. 10-11 at Camp Menucha. Dwight L. Kinman, former Baptist pastor in Portland, was the guest speaker.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Glen E. Crabb has announced his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church effective Feb. 10, 1964. His plans for the future are indefinite.

WASHINGTON, PA. Don K. Rager, pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., held evangelistic services at the Grace Brethren Church during Oct. 9-20. There were seven decisions: three first-time decisions and four rededications of life. Shimer Darr, pastor.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA. E. William Male, dean of Grace College, was the guest speaker Dec. 1 at the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church. Robert Whited is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Evangelist Bill Smith conducted a one-week crusade at the Ghent Brethren Church during Oct. 27 through Nov. 3. There were ten decisions made in the meetings. On Nov 1, fifty young people of the church enjoyed a pizza party after the service. Kenneth Teague, pastor.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. On Nov. 10 Leslie Hutchinson was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church. Lyle Marvin is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Alva Steffler, asst. professor of Art at Grace College, has accepted the call to become assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., about the first of June 1964. James Sweeton, pastor.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas E. Bray, minister and wife of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, departed on Oct. 15 by jet on a three-month



## FREE LITERATURE MINISTRY

The Missionary Herald Company sent 1,000 Gospel tracts to Hawaii Nov. 27 in response to the request of Brethren missionary, Edmund Leech, for distribution among the unsaved.

missionary tour around the world. This trip will take them to the Orient, Africa, Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Istanbul, and Switzerland. After preaching in Copenhagen, Denmark, they will be flying back to Los Angeles via the Polar route.

**WARSAW, IND.** God has answered prayer again for the Community Grace Brethren Church. They have been able to purchase an adjoining lot that has been needed and for which prayer has gone up. This will give much-needed space for the day school and for parking. Also, on a recent Sunday fifteen persons were received into the membership.

**CLAYTON, OHIO.** The congregation of the Clayton Brethren Church surprised their pastor, William E. Howard, with presents and a three-layer cake on his birthday. Rev. Dale Kurtz, Youth for Christ director in Dayton, Ohio, was the guest speaker on Nov. 17.

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.** The Iowa district overnight youth rally was held at the Grace Brethren Church Nov. 22-23. Lloyd Woolman, physical education instructor at Grace College, was the guest speaker. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

## WMC News

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A delicious dinner, partly carried in and partly planned by the Cleveland ladies, was enjoyed in a dining-room delightfully decorated by pumpkins and fall flowers. In evidence in the auditorium was a scroll bearing the names of those who had read the Bible through in the past year. A poster illustrated the truth that cleanliness is next to godliness. The names

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Joy Lee Owen and James Brooks, Nov. 22, North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Leta Roderick and Gilbert Langhoff, Sept. 21, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

Margaret Mitchell and Darwin Thompson, Oct. 20, Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.

Donna Jean Robison and Robert E. Rhodes, Nov. 17, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**JONES, Mrs. Stella,** went to be with her Lord Nov. 20. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

James Sweeton, pastor.

**WHITNEY, Mrs. Anna Catherine,** 88, was called into the presence of her Lord on Nov. 2. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of South Gate, Calif.

Harold Penrose, pastor.

**BOYER, William,** was called to his heavenly home on Nov. 26. He was a member of the Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind.

A. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

**STUMP, Mrs. Nancy Jane,** went to be with the Lord on Oct. 25. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., for many years.

Leslie Moore, pastor.

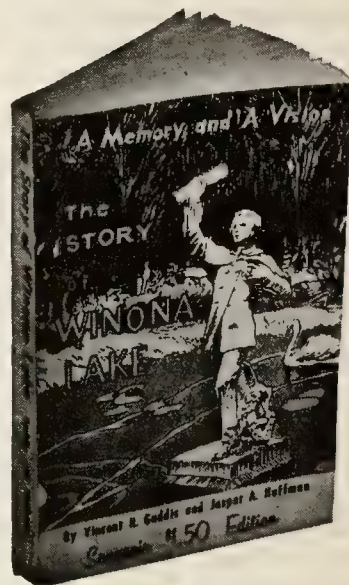
of brands of popular soaps illustrated this spiritual truth. Both were the work of Mrs. Williard Smith.

Owing to inability to get one of our own Brethren missionaries as a speaker, we listened to Miss Margaret Clapper, an Africa Inland Mission worker in the Belgian Congo. She almost broke down in recalling the terrible days of the uprising, but controlled her tears to tell us how wonderfully the Lord had worked through it all. None of their mission workers had been harmed, and their property had not been destroyed or

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taken over during the necessary evacuation. The Church is now in African control, but missionaries are eagerly sought by native Christians, and even the government, for advice and services that the Africans are not able to perform. The Bible is now in Swahili, and there is no opposition to its reading by the Catholics. There is a great turning to the Lord in the land, women are being taught, and even the pygmies are being reached and have their own churches.

—Lucile Smith



# Laymen's Page

The National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Compiled by Kenneth E. Herman

## NEWS

*of what laymen's groups are doing*

**OSCEOLA, IND.** The men's fellowship of the Osceola Brethren Church held a joint meeting with the men of the Ireland Road Brethren Church, South Bend, on November 23. Arnold J. Vander Meulen, deputiation secretary of the Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, was the guest speaker. He spoke of their work and presented the film, "The Cross Roads," which is a detailed report of their work on skid row in Chicago. Cecil Johnson is president of the Osceola men's group.

**WOOSTER, OHIO.** The Laymen for Christ group here sponsored a special dinner meeting on Nov. 2. Wayne Snider, history professor at Grace College, spoke and showed colored slides on "Berlin, the City of Sorrow."

**WEST MILTON, OHIO.** The laymen's fellowship of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, sponsored a fall retreat at the Memorial Holiness Camp Grounds here. All of the churches of the Southern Ohio District were invited to attend, and nine of them responded with a total of forty men in attendance. Guest speaker at the weekend retreat was Mr. George McQueen, president of the Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

A Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Laymen was formed at the retreat. (See photo of the officers elsewhere on this page.) A wonderful time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Plans are being formulated to make the retreat an annual affair.

**ELDORA, IOWA.** The Iowa district Fellowship of Brethren Laymen met at Pine Lake here for their fall retreat. Forty-eight laymen and four pastors were present. The Friday evening meal of the weekend retreat

was served by the men from the Dallas Center church. Following this meal, Rev. Milton Ryerson of the Garwin church led in devotions, and gave his personal testimony. On Saturday morning, Rev. Jim Custer of the Dallas Center church spoke concerning God's use of laymen down through the ages and challenged the men present to take advantage of the opportunities God gives for witnessing. Bill Faas, our Iowa reporter, states that the men are looking forward eagerly to future district meetings of the men's group.

**DENVER, COLO.** The laymen of the Grace Brethren Church here have organized a new laymen's group



Newly-elected officers of the Southern Ohio laymen's fellowship: Left to right, they are: Norman Myers, secretary-treasurer, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Harold Van Dyke, president, Englewood Grace Brethren, Englewood, Ohio; and Earl Weaver, vice president, Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio.

under the direction of Russell West, the newly-elected president. Other officers are Paul Bates, vice president, and Nick Montaya, secretary-treasurer. They have pledged their support of the national laymen and the goals and projects.

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** The laymen here are active for the Lord in special meetings at the Staunton Prison Camp, the Lexington jail, and two local rest homes each month.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.** The president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, Ken Kohler, assisted in the reviving of the laymen's organization at the First Brethren Church here



Southern Ohio laymen's retreat speaker, Mr. George McQueen.



Photo of group present for Southern Ohio retreat.



# WINNING MORE IN SIXTY- FOUR

By Rev. Wesley Haller

Pastor, First Brethren Church  
Middlebranch, Ohio

How thrilled we were this past August after a week of heart-searching messages on the Holy Spirit's place in the life of the Christian to hear the announcement that the theme of next year's National Conference will be "Winning More in Sixty-Four." Witnessing is the practical out-working of a Spirit-filled Christian life. And this is a needed emphasis, for the great gulf between the churches and the vast host of people "outside" is disturbing not only to Brethren pastors, but also to many of the dedicated lay leaders attending our August Fellowship of Brethren churches.

Several months have slipped by since the Spirit of God spoke with conviction. Are we still disturbed as we were then over how little is being done to reach others with the Gospel in communities where Brethren churches have been established? Is it not true that our concern is largely an illusion—something to provide us with a talking-point about lost souls, but not strong enough to make us an active witness? What do we really know of the compassion that gripped the heart of our Lord causing Him to weep over Jerusalem because He saw that multitude as sheep without a shepherd? Have we ever experienced the concern expressed in David Brainerd's anguished cry: "Lord, give me souls or I die"? Only as we see our fellow men as Jesus saw them, as David Brainerd wept over them will we become witnesses of salvation by grace through faith plus nothing.

To meet the need of our generation, we must see and feel this need with stark reality. Too often we Christians live secluded, deaf, and blind to the world around us, almost totally unaware of how more than half the world is living in sin. From our newspapers alone we can know something of broken marriages, of the mounting number of illegitimate babies being born, of the couldn't-care-less multitudes who desire nothing but worldly pleasures and material advancement. We are horrified at these conditions. But what steps are we taking to prevent the increase of such conditions? The remedy for such sinning is the Gospel of forgiving mercy and redeeming grace, a message of which we are to be wit-

nesses. How shall people know it unless we, the people of God, proclaim the salvation message in season and out of season? To reach the great masses of people outside the church of Jesus Christ, *all* Christians must be witnesses: in their homes, among their friends and neighbors, in the place of daily work.

The words of the Apostle Peter are relevant. "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3:15). The *foundation* for witnessing is to "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." If you are out of touch with the Lord, you will be out of touch with men needing to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Faithfulness to Christ results in faithful witnessing. The *period* for such witness is always. There is no unsuitable time to speak for Christ.

The *procedure* in witnessing is to give an answer, which implies giving accurate information about Christ, or a reasoned statement. The Gospel must be taught. The *range* of witness is to every man. Never should any person be dismissed as an unlikely candidate for salvation. Paul himself was such a one, but God saved him. The *occasion* to witness is afforded by him "... that asketh you a reason . . ." Does this mean never witness unless asked? Surely not, opportunities can be made to open the way for testimony. For example, the neighbor who borrows your lawnmower may be ready because he is indebted to you to listen to your personal testimony about Christ, or to at least accept an invitation to your church where the Gospel is proclaimed from week to week.

The *style* of witness which Peter suggests is foreign to much so-called effort in witnessing today. It is to be "with meekness and fear"; literally with gentleness and reverence. Aggressiveness is ruled out. Since our salvation is all of grace, it is to be humbly urged on others. Peter's final thought has to do with the *subject matter* of witnessing: "the hope that is in you." This hope is through Christ in whom we put our trust for eternity. For many in our time there is no hope beyond the grave, only dreadful uncertainty, or anticipated



judgment, or purgatory, or an improved reincarnation. The Gospel is here called not "the faith," but "the hope" because the world of our day is without hope.

May these words from Peter's Holy Spirit inspired pen cause us never to forget the importance of a personal witness in evangelism. We have tended to rely too much upon the full-time evangelist or minister. We have failed to realize that many will listen to an ordinary Christian, but resent what a pastor or evangelist say. Don't leave Christian witnessing to professionals—amateurs are needed. The Lord will use them, too.

Witnessing does not begin with new activity. It depends on a new quality of life. Pray to be kept in touch with the Lord Jesus, and to be brought into touch personally with the lost. Plead with God for a new awareness of Christ's compassion for them, and for a sensitiveness to the Holy Spirit's work among the unsaved. Make friends with them, show a genuine interest in the circumstances of their lives. Gain their confidence. There are sufficient of us to evangelize our communities, reaching out from them to witness to the whole United States in our generation. Were believers available to the Lord for this purpose, and faithful in the place He has put us, the job of Christian witnessing could be done. This would result in "Winning More in Sixty-Four" becoming a reality instead of being a present-hour castle in the air.

## INTO THE . . .

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We park our car in the town square, near the ancient Catholic church, or the village fountain. Then we start with a prayer in our hearts that the people of this village may listen responsively, for every town is different, each has its personality. Very possibly the response we get in the first house will be indicative of what is to follow.

In one house we find a grizzled old peasant bent over his glass of wine. He is not impolite, but he is firm: "I am not interested." Next, a housewife, aged well beyond her years from the strenuous life she leads, tells us that she does not have time to read. In our hearts we sympathize with her, but nevertheless we try to show her that man shall not live by bread alone, and that by consecrating a few minutes of the day to the Word of God she can find newness of life.

Some listen responsively, though it is evident that their Catholic tradition hinders them from seeing the truthfulness of God's grace. Some are unashamedly rude, one man telling us that he will turn his dog on us if we do not leave.

We are encouraged that the Billy Graham campaign recently held in France has opened many doors. Yet, we find on the other hand that the influence of the Jehovah's Witnesses on the people has closed entire villages to the Gospel.

Occasionally a young person will come to the door, such as the young teacher whose duties are carrying him to England, and who spent a half hour asking questions about spiritual things. Then, there are the sympathetic—the woman eighty years old who had never seen a Bible.

Occasionally one finds that God's Spirit has been at work even before His witnesses arrived. In one village Mr. Fogle found a man who had purchased a Bible ten years ago in Lyons and is an avid reader.

When the last house is visited and we assembled again at the car before going to the next village there are stories of blessing and stories of indifference. But the conversation turns most often to this question: why have Christians waited so long to become interested in the villages of France? Why must God use young Christians, often inexperienced and most of them unable to speak the language of these people, to show older Christians their task? And why must Christians wait until many of the doors are closed until they realize what God wants them to do?

Unfortunately the Christians of France are few in number and most are not responding to the great challenge of sharing their faith. Will you pray that God will bring them to a new and fresh dedication. And until that time, continue to pray that God will send others to this country to sow the seed of the Gospel.



"Contribute food for the Brethren Navajo Mission? Sorry, but I don't have any to spare!"



The "Operation Mobilization" team takes time out for a meal in Saone et Loire.



**"Operation Mobilization" takes the Gospel of Christ**

# INTO THE VILLAGES

By Rev. Tom Julien

Our party consisting of Fred Fogle, Jean Isch, and myself, armed with literature, sleeping bags, a tent, and cooking gear, headed toward the department of Saone et Loire in central France early in the morning of a very rainy day. Several hours later we met the three English students who were to be our companions for nearly two weeks of literature work.

These students were members of "Operation Mobilization," a vast campaign seeking to reach every town of Spain, Belgium, Italy, and France with Christian literature.

For many months the Brethren had been making plans to cooperate in this venture. Readers of the *Missionary Herald* are aware that a gift of \$500 was generously made available from the Brethren Missionary Herald free literature fund to make the Brethren phase of this work possible.

Besides working for two weeks in Central France, we also spent a week in the Jura department, where, though the students from Operation

Mobilization were unable to join us, we were aided by Mrs. Fogle and Mrs. Julien. Becky and Terry came along for the fun of sleeping in a tent. At different times we were also joined by Daniel Dutruc, a young man recently converted under Mr. Isch's ministry in Lyon, and Mr. Jouve, the postal inspector at Gueugnon.

The Saone et Loire is a French department of over a half-million people living in around 600 towns and cities. The Jura is less populated, counting about 220,000 inhabitants, though they are scattered in as many towns and cities as in the Saone et Loire. Both are neglected from a Spiritual standpoint—the annual *France Protestante* lists only five Protestant pastors for the Saone et Loire, and two for the Jura.

Each morning we piled into the brandnew Peugeot 403 purchased for the France field by the Beaumont (Calif.) church to begin our day's work. In all, over one hundred towns



Fred Fogle and Jean Isch, French Christian worker.

and cities were covered; in most of the villages we went from door to door, and talked personally with the people we met. In addition to the thousands of tracts and booklets distributed, we gave out some 4,000 Gospels (over 3,000 containing a correspondence course), 2,000 Scripture portion booklets, and 2,000 postal cards offering Scripture portions to those who respond. We were also able to sell a large quantity of Bibles, New Testaments, and Christian books usually at a subsidized price.

Come with us into one of these French villages of which over 36,000 out of the 38,000 have no Protestant church. We'll leave two members of the team out at the edge of the village, hoping that they will later rejoin us in the center. Hoping, I say, for these streets and roads do not form neat squares, but seem to have been laid out by a farmer searching for his lost cow. Let's just hope we find all the houses and apartments. The houses are made of stone, covered with rough stucco, and are very old. Since a good share of the people are farmers, we can expect to see a good assortment of horses, cows, goats, sheep, cats, chickens, and the omnipresent dogs that violently announce our arrival by their fearsome barking.



Three English students who worked with us.

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# EDITORIALS

By Lester E. Pifer

We live in a strange and complex world. Newspapers and magazines have for months revealed the sordid facts of sex scandals at home and abroad. Our Nation is driven into mourning at the tragic death of our President. Our thanksgiving to God is almost submerged by news of the slaughter on America's highways, the first acts of the new President and the news of world tensions. Will we take time in this Christmas season to honor the birth of our Saviour, God's love gift to lost men?

Stranger still is the increased perplexity brought about by the rapid pace of society, the increased modes of transportation, a shift to extreme intellectual specialization in education and a marked decay in the Christian philosophy of life. In America an exploding population is a problem. However, the problem becomes acute when the usual processes of education become confused, twisted, and apostate, producing a society of degenerates. Our Nation is passing through one of the darkest hours of its existence.

The speed with which our people live allows little time for devotion, meditation, reflection, and self-examination. The masses rarely use the God appointed time for spiritual instruction and fortification against evil. Biblical admonition, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10), goes unheeded. Rapid means of transportation have caused a mingling of societies and cultures, some of which are sorely unchristian, totally ignorant of existing moral standards instituted by our God-fearing forefathers.

America's desire to be the leader in the scientific realm has shifted the pursuit in education to intellectualism in specialized departments. Tomorrow's young scientist can graduate in our post-graduate schools without English for proper speech, literature to develop culture and the fine arts, and social training based upon a proper understanding of the relationship of man to man and man to God. Let's face it, godless teachers in godless institutions

cannot produce students with a faith to meet today's problems.

The growing cancer of apostasy in religious realms continues to lower moral standards and to deny adherents the power to overcome evil. The cry for a "new moral code" is a base desire to declare the sin of men legitimate. Unable to meet God's conditions for divine help, a desperate effort is made to reduce God and His holy standards to the level of man. In the wake of such moral apostasy, a society degenerates rapidly.

The assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy is a moral tragedy indeed. More than that, it is a sad commentary on our society—our way of life. The lack of respect for leaders, the insatiable vengeance to take a life, is a revelation of our spiritual condition as a Nation. The F.B.I. tells us that a murder is committed every fifty-eight minutes, a forceable rape every thirty-four minutes, a robbery every six minutes, an aggravated assault every four minutes and a car is stolen every one and a half minutes. An utter shame for a civilized country!

The present situation presents one of the finest arguments for Christian education. This is especially true on the higher levels. During this period, our Christian schools Grace Seminary and Grace College deserve your finest and most generous support. These schools are manned by Christian teachers with the Christian philosophy of life and are producing excellent students fortified to meet our Nation's need.

Our present crisis in the United States certainly points up the dire need of our Nation for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. This demands the prayers, support, constant witness and service of every child of God. The moral weakness of this Nation ought to indelibly impress upon Christian people their need for moral stability found only in the Lord Jesus. His work in us—a life lived in and for Him—ought to be the most eloquent sermon that the people of this Nation hear.

The omniscient God is mindful of man's shortcomings. His love and grace provided the Saviour: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (I John 5:11). Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Apostle Peter declared, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us to glory and virtue" (II Pet. 1:3). God's adequacy is man's provision. Man's inadequacy demands God's provision. God's provision can only be realized when man will desire, and call for that which Christ has provided. Only with Him can man walk the moral road in purity and godliness. May the eyes and spiritual understanding of our Nation be opened to the Saviour and this truth in these days.

## COVER PHOTO

Another church building has been dedicated to God in the midst of the Brethren Home Mission field at Albuquerque, New Mexico.





# The Death of a President

By L. L. Grubb

In many respects the President of the United States is the leader of the world. Nations and peoples abroad look to him for international leadership and direction. Therefore, his position is unique and supremely important. As a nation America's strength in every realm compared to others qualified her for a position of world leadership.

It follows that when an American president dies it is an event of international importance. At the funeral of the late John F. Kennedy heads and representatives of many foreign States were present. This demonstrates the impact his death made upon the world. Through the press we have learned that the peoples of many lands demonstrated their grief outwardly at the news of our President's death.

At home the Government and political ramifications of such an event are impossible to compute. News commentators, political scientists and analysts have already expressed their inability in this. Foreign policy, domestic policy, Government personnel, Service personnel, could change extensively. In fact, it is protocol for certain Government officers to resign when their leader is removed from office for any reason.

The death of an American president is an event of colossal and far-reaching importance.

But, when an American president is murdered by an assassin's bullet, other important considerations appear. These considerations are more important than any others because they are spiritual. The spiritual level of any nation will determine its policies.

Many people are asking as we have heard on TV and radio: "How could this happen in America, especially in the enlightened America of this day?" A land of freedom, plenty, privilege, liberty, and convenience should not produce this type of individual—a murderous criminal! Then, two days after the President is slain another

murderer takes the law into his own hands and murders the assassin. This murder was viewed by millions on TV. How could this happen in America?

It is a safe assumption that not many of the questioners are greatly impressed by the fact that national crime has increased over 100 percent in the past eleven years. They seem not to remember that a basic spirit of lawlessness and violence has been clearly in evidence even in such matters as racial demonstrations and labor disputes. Corruption in politics and in some law enforcement agencies from the national to the local level is no secret.

Five news commentators on TV were recently discussing this general subject. Their conclusion was that in such a society as ours there is little to be done about these problems except to improve man's environment and living conditions, and hope that these influences will make him a decent citizen. Of course, this demonstrates a lack of information and understanding about man's basic sin problem.

This same glossing over of sin appears in our foreign policy and in the thinking of an average American.

We continue to negotiate with a nation whose leaders are known to be thieves, murderers, and liars. While we limit our own nuclear knowledge and preparedness by signing a test-ban treaty with Russia, she continues to build missile bases in Cuba, just ninety miles from our shores. This is all approved by the majority of our Congressmen, else it could not be accomplished. Further, the average American must approve it because he continues to put these men back in office.

Even though Russia has made it clear that their purpose is to "bury" us, the average American has the "head-in-the-sand," "it-can't-happen-here" attitude. We have suffered no national disaster since the Civil War, so why be concerned? No bombs





have ever dropped on American soil, so why should we expect that this would ever happen in the future? Thus we sleep on while the forces of unrighteousness sell us body, soul, and spirit into the hands of Satan and his henchmen.

There is only one force in America which can keep this Nation from utter destruction, and this destruction may come sooner than we think. It is the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached through Bible-teaching churches.

The church of Jesus Christ is to be a "light" in this world. If she had been doing her job of evangelizing as she should, there is no doubt that the story of crime, immorality, the overlooking of sins in high places, the lack of moral courage in our foreign policy would be different. We know that the Bible teaches that this world will not be an Utopia in any sense until our Lord rules it from Jerusalem. We also know that the only power which will impede the movement of sin and give victory to the sinner is not being dispensed as it should be.

Men are ignorant of the truth of God's Word. As we meet it across America, this ignorance appalls us. Yet churches which stand true to the Word of God are not evangelizing one complete American generation. Men are not going to do much about their sin but try to enjoy it until somebody tells them that it is rebellion against God, and that unless they do something about it by receiving God's Son as their Saviour they will go to hell forever. Many are just waiting to hear this message and would be willing to accept it. But, so often the church is at ease in its witnessing ministry. Believers are unwilling to do the thing which is the secret to the church's growth, and which is its basic purpose on earth—witnessing!

The events of the past few weeks clearly underline the fact that what America needs now more than anything else is more Bible-teaching churches. Churches now existing should greatly intensify their personal soul-winning and evangelistic ministry.

Whatever God's people can do to accomplish this should be done now!

## *Do It Yourself Church-- Does It Again!*

By L. L. Grubb

The pastor and people in Albuquerque, New Mexico, are consistent. A new church building, involving about 3,000 square feet, was dedicated to our Lord November 3, 1963. It was completely constructed by the pastor, Rev. Robert Salazar, and about twenty laymen who gave over 3,000 hours of labor. Cost was about \$9,000. This is the second and largest addition made to the church structure in about two years, both accomplished completely on a local basis.

Mr. LeRoy E. Imhoff, formerly from Grace Brethren Church, Mans-

field, Ohio, acted as the pastor's right-hand man and gave an entire summer of labor to the church construction.

Brother Salazar and his congregation have demonstrated the true church pioneering spirit in this accomplishment. This building, very attractive and functional in its design, well built and comfortable, will serve the church for some time.

The congratulations of The Brethren Home Missions Council and all Brethren people are extended to the Albuquerque church in this time of victory.

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## A TIME TO BUILD

By Robert Salazar

Early in the fall of 1958 a young couple was led of the Lord to serve here in Albuquerque under the Brethren Home Missions Council. The couple had been informed that there was serious consideration of discontinuing the work here in Albuquerque altogether, and for good reason. The numerous experiences with the work here warranted such an attitude. Little did this couple realize that this venture would teach some valuable lessons in establishing the church, many of them to be learned the hard way.

The young couple arrived on the field to find three faithful families. These families had survived the distasteful and disappointing history of this church's early existence. These three families had managed to keep a semi-closed church open without a pastor through the many difficult months. It was to this faithful nucleus of believers that the Lord had sent us to minister and encourage in the faith. The succeeding year was one full of hard work for all. The pastor had to support himself and family, working on the average of sixty hours a week and at the same

time endeavoring to serve the Lord through the care of the flock.

At the end of this year period with some growth in the church, both the Home Missions Council and local church saw the wisdom of employing the pastor on a full-time basis. Through consistent visitation, the ministering of God's Word, and much prayer the little flock of fourteen grew to twenty, to thirty, to forty, and to fifty. The crowded quarters of our facilities warranted serious consideration of expanding our building accommodations.

Much unofficial discussion followed; but soon after, the local congregation reasoned that if we prayed for growth and God answered our prayer, we would be caught praying without faith. Like Abraham, realizing our lack and insufficiency, we too "looked to God as our builder." The congregation was challenged by the prospect and possibility. It was at this point, one can truly say: "They caught the vision." Soon a building committee was formed to study the possibilities. At first we thought seriously of relocating and building an entirely new plant, but the price



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of real estate soon convinced us otherwise. After studying the matter very carefully, we came to the conclusion that to involve ourselves too deep in finances might prove to defeat our purpose. It was decided by the membership to proceed with the expansion of our present facilities installing first of all some much needed running water, plumbing facilities, and the like. It was also decided at this time that we would provide all the labor on a voluntary basis, and finance the project through an established building fund. We adopted a pay as you go plan.

Six months later the men of the church were able to report that the



Albuquerque, New Mexico looking forward



Albuquerque do it yourselves "Cut every corner"

needed church offices, restroom facilities, hot and cold running water, together with hallways had been completed. This was great cause for rejoicing as the men of the church responded wonderfully with donated labor, and we emerged debtless from this experience. A total of \$2,000 had been raised locally by our congregation in a period of six months. This gave us much optimism in view of the work that yet remained in our proposed building program.

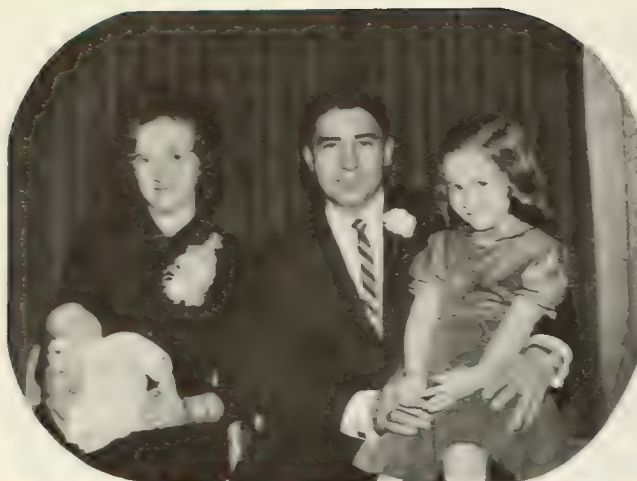
The other aspects of God's program here in Albuquerque were far from standing still. The Lord gave us a number of souls and many rededications; our attendances continued to grow into the seventies despite the fact that we lost some forty regular people who moved away. It

became very obvious that we could no longer accommodate our regular attendances, much less crowds of up to 175 on special occasions in space that legally forbade the seating of more than sixty people. It was at this point in this church's experience that its greatest decision thus far had to be made. In January 1963, the membership of this congregation voted to go ahead with immediate plans for building a new and larger sanctuary. The proper sources were contacted and arrangements made in an effort to start building at the earliest opportunity. It is here that the Brethren Home Missions Council, the Brethren architectural department and the Brethren Investment



"Let's face it"





Mrs. Robert Salazar with Colleen on the right and Alan on the left who was dedicated to the Lord on the dedication Sunday.



Pastor Salazar and the first baptismal service in the new sanctuary for eight candidates on dedication day.

Foundation gave us invaluable assistance.

At this stage of our building expansion program, we realized finances would play an important part. We did not want to weigh ourselves down with financial responsibilities to the place that other responsibilities of the Lord's ministry would suffer. Once again it was decided that our proposed building program would be constructed in its entirety by the local donation of volunteer labor. It was necessary to contract the electrical work, heating, and pouring of the floor. The rest of the work, to the very construction of the roof trusses, and so on was furnished by our local laymen.

Construction was begun in the latter part of April 1963 and concluded six months later. This work was made possible through God's people here in Albuquerque—men, women, and young people, all working together to build God's house! The men of the church worked whenever possible, some in the morning before their regular work, others after work, many at nights; some gave their entire summer vacation, others, the entire summer. When the hours of donated labor were totaled, we were surprised to learn that the amount was slightly over 3,000 hours. The building's square foot area is 2,600 feet with an approximate cost of \$9,000, or a low, low cost of approximately \$2.90 a square foot.

As this not so young couple anymore, together with their children,



The ordination of Robert Salazar with Rev. Thomas Inman, Rev. Burt LeBot, and Rev. Russell Williams.

look back over the past five years of service here in Albuquerque, we cannot help but whisper in our hearts: "Thank you Lord for allowing us to serve Thee here." We dedicated our building this past November 3. Our hearts rejoiced to see brethren from all over the Midwest District, together with Dr. L. L. Grubb and his wife, as well as Brother Chester McCall and his wife joined us for this milestone in the history of this church.

Had you been with us on the weekend of November 2 and 3, you would have been privileged to share in a most memorable weekend. Our church was host to the Midwest mid-year ministerium and WMC meetings on Saturday. The Lord's Day began with a crowd of 130 for our Sunday school rally. The morning service concerned itself primarily with the ordination of the local pas-

tor to the Christian ministry; 175 people were in attendance. That same Sunday afternoon at 2:30, we were privileged to hear Dr. L. L. Grubb at our dedication service, followed by the baptism of eight people at 4:30 p.m., and the beginning of special meetings with Rev. James McClellan that Sunday evening. I'm sure that I need not tell you that the day culminated with physical exhaustion. But oh, what spiritual blessing!

We are finished with the physical structure here in Albuquerque! It has been a time of building, but we are not through, for we continue to build upon the Chief Corner Stone and upon the foundation of the Apostles: "... building fitly framed together ... unto an holy temple of the Lord." "Rooted and built up on him, and established in the faith, ... abounding therein with thanksgiving." It is a time for building!



## Home Mission Field Reports

**GEISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA** (Randall Poyner, pastor). God is doing a great work in our midst. The work here was greatly strengthened and the people encouraged as a result of our meeting with Rev. Bill Smith. New records were set in Sunday school with 140 present. There were 127 in the morning worship service and eighty-five present on Sunday evening. *Souls are being saved each week.*

**GOSHEN, INDIANA** — Mr. James Kennedy, a senior in Grace Seminary, has accepted a call to the Grace Brethren Church and began his ministry on November 10, 1963. Brother Kennedy will be commuting until the end of the school year and will begin a full-time ministry about June 1, 1964. Brother Kennedy is another home missionary from a former home-mission church, the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.

**WHEATON, ILLINOIS** (Dean Fetterhoff, pastor). We will have our first baptismal service tomorrow (November 24) since I have become pas-

tor here. We praise the Lord for the six candidates to be baptized. A brief Memorial Service was held on Monday morning at eleven o'clock November 23 for the former President, J. F. Kennedy. Rev. John M. Aeby, Brethren Home Missions Council director, was returning home from an evangelistic meeting in New Troy, Michigan and stopped over for the service.

**GARDENA, CALIFORNIA**. Rev. Dale Hostetler completed his ministry at Cheyenne, Wyoming, and

began his ministry at Gardena, California on December 15, 1963. The previous pastor here was Ted Malaimare.

**GALION, OHIO** (Alva Conner, pastor). The "Citizens for Sunday School" enlargement campaign concluded with thirty-one new Sunday-school students enrolled in six weeks. Our average reached an all-time high of sixty-four during the campaign. This represents a 70 percent increase over the same period last year. Three decisions for salvation were made last Sunday (Nov. 17).

### DISCONTINUE NAVAJO CALENDAR

The Navajo Mission Calendar with its twelve envelopes will be discontinued after December 1963. This is a step being taken to bring the income and expense of the Mission into balance. Gift envelopes will still be available and in quantities of twelve for you who have been making a regular monthly contribution.

The envelopes are not dated and will be available by January 1, or soon thereafter. Every Brethren

church will be supplied with a quantity of envelopes, and for you who support the work and are not in close proximity to a church, you may secure them from The Brethren Home Missions Council office.

We would appreciate your continued regular support of the Navajo Mission work and urge you to just drop your envelope in your local church offering. The envelope is postage paid for our isolated Brethren and other contributors.

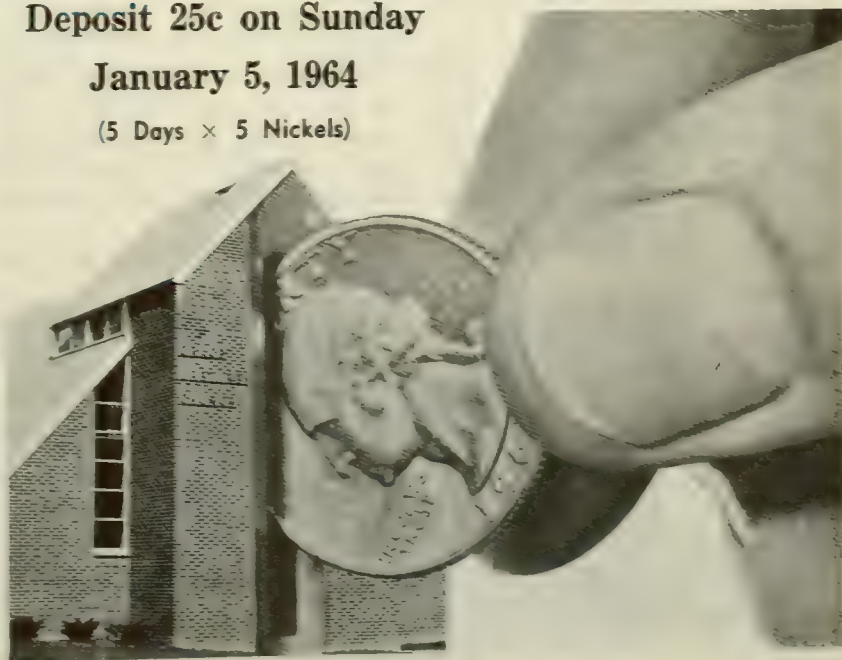
## Resolve Now To Begin January 1

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There is no time like the beginning of a New Year to begin a new program in giving. Some are already giving their nickel a day for Brethren Home Missions, but to meet the need this must be an "every member a participant" program. Why not do it the easy way and start January 5 with a quarter? Then follow up each Sunday with just 35 cents a Sunday. Resolve now to "do more in 1964."





# ISRAEL CALLS!

## INFORMATION PLEASE (Conclusion)

By Bruce L. Button

(The Brethren Jewish mission is known under the name "The Brethren Messianic Testimony." It is located in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles, California, at 469 North Kings Road. This is in the heart of the Jewish Community of this great city. The staff is comprised of:

Rev. Bruce L. Button  
Mrs. Leanoire M. Button  
Miss Isobel Fraser

House-to-house visitation and personal contact with a literature distribution program result in a number of Jews who desire teaching in the Word of God. For such the mission provides and maintains Bible classes and study groups.)



Jewish people in mission

Each week two Bible classes are held at the mission residence. Each Monday evening a class is held for the blind Jews. This has resulted in great blessing for those who attend. It has also provided a real challenge for the staff because of the very nature of such a class. To make the teaching effective, much work and effort must be expended, and such work and effort must be supported by much prayer. Because of the teaching received by members of this class, and also because of the warm welcome they receive at the meetings, invitations are issued by them to their blind friends, and this has resulted in others coming into the class.

Each Wednesday evening a class is held for sighted Jewish people, and results have been evident here also. Here too, those who attend invite their friends and bring them under the teaching of the Word of God. We praise God for those faithful believers who brave public opinion to

give forth their own testimony and invite other Jews to these groups.

There are five other groups which meet once a month at the mission. They are:

The Monday Girls (two groups).  
The Monday Men (two groups).  
The Jewish Blind Day Meeting.

These groups were not set up primarily as Bible classes, but rather they were established to acquaint Jewish people with the mission and the staff. There are those Jews who at first will have nothing to do with a "Bible Class," but who will come to a "meeting." And even though the Bible is used freely in all five meetings, still the fact they are not designated "Bible Classes" gives such people an excuse to attend. The result has been that many of these people have at a later date requested that they be permitted to attend a Bible Class, and we have been pleased to arrange this.

And so it is that each phase of

our effort has one end in view: It is to reach this Jewish community with the Gospel of the Messiah Jesus, and for each Jewish person to have the opportunity to receive God's proofs as to Messiah's identity. And to hold forth to each Jew the Lord Jesus in all of His beauty and majesty. This we do to the best of our ability in the wisdom and strength which God imparts to us. We can say with strong conviction: *"There is not one activity of the Brethren Messianic Testimony which is not Bible and Christ centered!"*

Now such a testimony must have support, both prayer and financial. And since the Brethren Messianic Testimony is a denominational organization of the Grace Brethren Churches, it cannot do as interdenominational missions and appeal to churches of all denominations. Rather, it can only turn to the Grace Brethren Churches for support. While the Brethren Messianic Testimony is controlled by The Brethren Home Missions Council, Incorporated, and while the said Council handles the Testimony's finances, nevertheless none of the Council's offering is used to finance the Brethren Jewish work. And this is as it should be for the home-missions offering is dedicated to church extension. Thus the Brethren Messianic Testimony is supported by those funds received by the Council and earmarked for the Brethren Jewish work. It is the specific prayers and



Jewish temple

gifts of Grace Brethren people for the Brethren Messianic Testimony which make the mission in Fairfax an effective reality.

Of late the Brethren Messianic Testimony has had more than enough funds upon which to operate. I have had the question put to me therefore: "What should I do with these funds?" To me this is not a hard question to answer. We are constantly praying for additional missionaries, and we believe the Lord is going to provide them. So, when we get the laborers we will have funds to support them. Funds which are not needed in a particular Brethren work at a particular time can always be put to the Lord's use in other phases of Brethren endeavor.

May this serve as an opportunity to thank all who have had the interest of the Brethren Messianic Testimony on their hearts.

# For Your Records

By Frank J. Poland

The Brethren Home Missions Council is operating on a fiscal year beginning April 1 and closing on March 31. This means the books will be open until March 31 to receive gifts for home missions to be credited to the present year. Your membership in the corporation will be based on the gifts received up to the close of March 31, 1964.

A statement of gifts will be sent to each donor as soon as possible after the close of the 1963 calendar year. This statement will include gifts received direct and given through your church. The statement is valuable for comparing your gifts to see that they have been properly

appropriated. These statements would be valuable for income tax records wherein direct gifts are involved. But where gifts given through the church are included, you should use your church statement. The reason for this is that gifts may be given to the church toward the end of one year and The Brethren Home Missions Council not receive it until the next year. We would record the date we receive the gift on your statement.

We do greatly appreciate your gifts and desire that you receive proper credit for each one. The annual statement replaces the receipt for each gift, and we trust this explanation will help you understand it better.

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# CHURCH NEWS

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**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** On Dec. 1 David J. Juros, missionary to the Jews in Washington, D. C., under the sponsorship of the American Board of Missions to Jews, was the guest speaker at the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church. John J. Burns, pastor.

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF.** Raymond Fountain was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on Dec. 1. Pastor Conard Sandy is convalescing from the heart attack, which occurred Sept. 22. He has attended some of the services of the church, but is unable to preach.

**BUENA VISTA, VA.** Evangelist Bob Collitt recently held a revival crusade at the First Brethren Church, Charles Thornton, pastor. There were 97 public decisions for Christ.

**WATERLOO, IOWA.** Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., dean of Grace Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker at Grace Brethren Church Dec. 1. A Men and Boys' chili supper was held on Nov. 12. Mr. Arnold Swanson, regional director of Christian Service Brigade, was the guest speaker. A Grace College Youth Team under the direction of Lloyd Woolman, asst. professor of physical education, conducted services on Thanksgiving Sunday.

**SAN DIEGO, CALIF.** Dr. L. L. Grubb, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, presented a mission challenge to the Grace Brethren Church Dec. 1. Henry Dalke, pastor.

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** Pastor Robert McCormick reports that Emmit Adams, formerly a missionary worker in Puerto Rico, is now the executive field secretary of the Los Angeles Mission and member of the Community Brethren Church.

**NOTICE:** The Canon Kindergarten, operated by the Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex., was not included in the list of Christian Day Schools on page 21 of the *Brethren Annual*. This school has an enrollment of 34 students and three teachers. Please change Annual.

**POMPAÑO BEACH, FLA.** A new high of 56 in Sunday-school attendance was recorded at Grace Brethren Church on Nov. 24. The first unit of a church building should be ready for occupancy by the first of the year. Dr. William Taylor, pastor.

**BROOKVILLE, OHIO.** On Nov. 17 the Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Clair Brickel, pastor, recorded a record-breaking Sunday-school attendance of 69.

**SOUTH BEND, IND.** The Ireland Road Brethren Church, Gene Witzky, pastor, reports that 36 decisions were made during the Oct. 9-20 revival meetings with Bob Collitt as evangelist.

**CLEVELAND, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church burned a \$42,000 mortgage note on Nov. 24. Former

pastors, Gordon Bracker and Thomas Hammers, assisted in the service. Two men and two women were baptized in the evening service.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS:** Rev. and Mrs. Russell Weber, 237 W. Cherry St., Palmyra, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Harold B. Penrose, 6565 Stearns, Long Beach 15, Calif. Rev. George Donahue, 1240 Yale St., c/o S. M. Donahue, Santa Monica, Calif.

**NOTICE:** The name of the church clerk for the Los Altos Brethren Church should be changed to: Elinore Strawsburg, 6330 Deborah St., Long Beach 15, Calif. Please change Annual.

**TROUT LAKE, MICH.** The eleventh annual conference of the Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches was held at the Ozark Grace Brethren Church Nov. 28-30. Earl Funderburg was the host pastor. Pastor Richard Sellers of Mount Prospect, Ill., was the conference Bible speaker. Gerald Kelley was the moderator. Newly elected district officers for the year 1963-1964 are: Mod., C. A. Flowers; V.



**MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO.** The First Brethren Church dedicated its new \$35,000 educational unit Dec. 1. The new unit adds 4,500 square feet to the existing building. The addition was faced with a shell pink brick, and black shutters on the front, which adds to the colonial style architecture. The annex provides a pastor's study, four large departmental classrooms, and five smaller classrooms. Brethren ministers who assisted in the dedication services were: John Burke, Russell Ogden, John Dilling, Clair Brubaker, Charles Turner, and Kenneth Ashman. Pastor Wesley Haller, who will soon complete ten years as pastor of the Middlebranch First Brethren Church, invites Brethren to stop and visit the building when in the area.



Mod., Simon Toroian; Secy., Mrs. Violet Shipley, 2633 Turner St., Lansing, Mich.; Treas., Ben Mensinger; Stat., Loren Gray; and NFBC committee, J. Ward Tressler. The next district conference will be held at New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those who addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sharon Rippeon and Charles Ditto, Nov. 24, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Marjorie Ulrich and Charles Jenkins, Nov. 24, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Barbara Ann Yost and John M. Williams, Dec. 13, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.

Lorrie Keller and Harold Gerber, Dec. 7, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

## In Memoriam

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**FIRESTONE**, Mrs. Oda, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio was called home on Nov. 14 to be with the Lord. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**WANDEL**, David R., 16, died in an auto accident Nov. 28. Over 400 people attended the funeral at West Homer Brethren Church, Homer-ville, Ohio.

Robert Holmes, pastor.

**HARTONG**, Pfc. Royal Lee, 21, serving in U.S. Army in Germany met with an accidental death Nov. 3. Royal was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Middlebranch, Ohio. Memorial services were conducted by the pastor on Nov. 14.

Wesley Haller, pastor.

**ALDEN**, Harry, 82, for many years a member of the Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa, was called home to be with the Lord on Nov. 25. The former pastor, Raymond Kettell, was in charge of the funeral service.

Milton Ryerson, pastor.

### Wishing Our Readers

## A Blessed New Year

As the new year of 1964 looms before us, we would like to pause and reflect for a moment about the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us during 1963. Certainly all of us have many things for which to praise the Lord, and we at the *Brethren Missionary Herald* are rejoicing in the goodness of God to us.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff, we want to thank each one of you who have stood so loyally by us with your prayers, gifts and purchases. We feel keenly the responsibility which God has entrusted to us in getting out the Gospel by means of the printed page.

We do not know what the new year of 1964 holds, but we know the One who holds the future. Remember to pray daily for the *Brethren Missionary Herald* as we seek to present Christ in a greater way through Christian literature in the waning days of this age.

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# THE SEVEN LOOKS OF JESUS

*By Dr. R. S. Beal*

*Tucson, Arizona*

THE GOSPEL OF MARK records seven "looks" of the Saviour. In each instance, some beautiful aspect of truth is revealed. Sometimes our eyes speak as loudly as the words which we utter. My mother often spoke to me with her eyes, and I knew what she wanted by the way she looked. Lovers know the language of the eyes. Though they utter not a word, they seem to understand one another perfectly. Every glance had a meaning and a bearing upon those on whom the Lord gazed.

The first reference in Mark is—

## *A Look of Anger*

"And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other" (Mark 3:5).

This look of anger was not occasioned by a bad disposition on the part of the Lord. It sprang from righteous indignation. It revealed to those who looked into His eyes how little He cared for their criticism.

As was the custom of Jesus, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Among the throngs which had gathered was a man with a withered hand. There was no fire flashing from the eyes of Jesus as He looked at this unfortunate man; this look He reserved for those who were watching Him to see if He would heal on the Sabbath Day. If He did so, His enemies would feel justified in accusing Him of being a transgressor of the law. This miracle was the first of the Sabbath Day miracles of Jesus.

This look of anger on the part of our Lord was occasioned by the hardness of the hearts of His critics who had no pity for the helpless, and no understanding of the ways of God. Unbelief is the great damning sin of the soul. Unbelief can hear the promises of God and laugh in the face of them. Unbelief can stand in the presence of the Son of God and question His deity. It can move under the shadow of the cross and spurn the efficacy of the blood of Christ shed there. It can hear the angel

say from the empty tomb of Jesus, "He is not here, he is risen as he said," and go away rejecting the glorious fact of the resurrection.

The second occurrence sets forth—

### *A Look of Relationship*

"And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren" (Mark 3:34).

This chapter records the calling of the twelve disciples and having called them to follow Him; "The multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread" (v. 20). We read further: "And when his friends [kinsmen] heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself" (v. 21). We all realize that judgment is hard, but misjudgment is far worse. His family had no other comment to make about Him than to call Him crazy.

Among the multitude, Jesus' loved ones drew near and seeing them, the crowd instantly informed Him of their presence.

Then came the famous question: "Who is my mother, or my brethren?" (v. 33). Looking about Him, He said: "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother" (v. 35).

In this statement our Lord diminished nature's ties, and asserted that the true relationship of life came on an entirely different basis than natural birth. This word about the true mother of Jesus is a deathblow to Mariolatry and reveals that Mary, the mother of Jesus according to the flesh, had no special favor with God.

And what is it to do the will of God? Jesus gave the answer: "This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40).

A soul is saved forever or lost eternally according to his faith in Jesus Christ. The Lord looks upon those whom He can call His own with a joyful heart.

This leads us to another occurrence of this oft-repeated expression which is—

### *A Look of Delight*

"And he looked round about to see

her that had done this thing" (Mark 5:32). This was not a look of anger or of rebuke, but a look of delight. Jesus had responded to Jairus' request for Him to come to his home and heal his little daughter. As Jesus passed along the wayside, He observed that virtue had gone from Him because someone touched His garment. The one who reached out her trembling finger was a woman suffering from a disease that had baffled the physicians. Our Lord was not puzzled over her condition. He was equal to her need and healed her in response to her faith.

Nothing so pleases our Lord as when men put their faith in Him, and are willing to trust Him as Saviour and Lord. No one ever believed in vain. Virtue immediately flows from Him to the believer, and heal-

**"There is life  
for a look  
at the  
crucified one."**

ing of the sin-sick soul results. "With his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

We need to recognize the difference between Christianity and religion. Unless we do the utmost confusion will prevail and all that I have said about our Lord's response to faith will be meaningless. The religions of the world are the evaporations of their dead founders. Christianity is the life of Jesus Christ in the lives of those who are willing to trust Him. Religion, used in the popular sense, is man striving to reach up to God. Christianity, in the true sense, is God reaching down and laying hold of men in response to their faith. The act of faith on our part calls forth the look of delight on our Lord's part.

Turning over a few pages in this Gospel we come to—

### *A Look of Rebuke*

"When he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the

things that be of God, but the things that be of men" (Mark 8:33).

Just a few moments before this Jesus had asked His disciples: "But whom say ye that I am?" And the Apostle Peter had borne witness to the person of Christ by answering: "Thou art the Christ" (v. 29). Jesus told His disciples, following this marvelous testimony, how He must go to Jerusalem and die at the hands of the elders, the priests, and the scribes, but that after three days He would rise again. Then sad to relate, Peter rebuked Him. The cross was a stumbling block to him. He could not comprehend its significance and wanted Jesus to bypass Calvary. Here indeed is the offense of the cross about which Paul spoke, and it brought forth Jesus' look of rebuke upon Peter.

Anything but the cross is the policy of Satan. Even as Jesus hung upon the tree, He was challenged to come down and thus prove himself all that He claimed to be. The shed blood of Calvary is sin's only remedy, and the only basis for the redemption of the soul. To this glorious truth, the Devil seeks to blind the minds of those who believe not. He would rob them of any sense of the necessity for, and of the meaning of, His atoning work. The cross is the only way because it is God's way of salvation, and God's method for the redemption of the soul. As beautiful as was the life of Jesus, it was not sufficient to provide salvation. Nothing short of His death would avail.

Another action on the part of Jesus captivates us for we see in Him—

### *A Look of Love*

"Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me" (Mark 10:21).

This is the story of the rich young ruler who came running to Jesus, and kneeling in His presence asked what he must do to inherit eternal life. The Lord instantly tested him in connection with His own person, then concerning the law. The young man thought he had kept the law,



## They Are Just Forgotten!

Forgotten? Yes by those whom they have served. Every congregation is judged by the appearance of its pastor. Remember reading in the Bible about John the Baptist wearing coarse clothing and one Old Testament prophet wore even less? Somehow we have associated humbleness with poverty. A stingy church member used to pray, "Lord, you keep our pastor humble and we'll keep him poor."

It is not the product of imagination to say that as a whole, our Brethren pastors are not well paid. They have not taken "the vows of poverty" but they willingly serve as unto their Lord. They are expected to own a good automobile for the general transportation purposes of the congregation, the family is expected to always be well dressed and the children, college educated.

What does your pastor receive as salary? If you don't know, ask the church treasurer. You may be shocked! And yet, he should be a seminary graduate, possess a good library, and have a mind that's free from the worry of having to "pinch pennies."

Some of our retired ministers who have Social Security discovered that it provides only a bare minimum of income. An economist suggests as its purpose, "to keep people off the breadlines." He further suggests that "a pension program added to Social Security can make retirement sensible."

What does the Brethren Church have to offer its ministers for that day when they are no longer able or acceptable to churches? We have a corporation under the supervision of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches which is so organized not only to offer retirement payments but financial emergency aid. Presently our Board is mailing thirteen monthly checks to minister and widows of ministers who have cooperated in this program. Every Brethren Church should cooperate. No church pays for any particular pastor. For more particular information write—

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but Jesus revealed to him his utter failure in the simple test which He gave him. He did not love God with all his heart, nor did he love his neighbor as himself. Nevertheless we read how the Lord looked upon him and really loved him. It suggests the love which the Lord Jesus has for all youth.

A little further on in the same chapter we read of—

### *A Look of Warning*

"And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:23).

Jesus did not mean by this statement that a rich man could not be saved. Salvation is for rich and poor alike. But the rich man does not sense his need as he should. His

money has made him self-satisfied, or else it has filled him with a burning passion to gain more so that he has not time to think on his way.

This look of warning in the eyes of the Saviour was occasioned by the fact that the rich young man had turned away to seek Him no more. He put gold before God and it was his undoing. His money stood in the way and proved to be a curse to him and a bar to heaven. Few seem to realize the subtlety bound up with wealth.

With God covetousness is the same as idolatry, and while we commonly commit this sin, we little realize what we are doing in the sight of God. We condemn those who fall down and worship an image of wood, but we think nothing of bowing before a bank account and worshipping the

gold and silver which we have hoarded. May we never get away from the divine gaze of warning as indicated in this passage.

The last occurrence of this interesting expression suggests—

### *A Look of Judgment*

"And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, . . . he went out unto Bethany with the twelve" (Mark 11:11).

Matthew's Gospel account tells us what Jesus saw as He entered the Temple on that eventful day: "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves" (Matt. 21:12). That which was dedicated to be a house of prayer was devoted to the sale of material goods, and it had become a den of thieves.

The eyes of our Saviour flashed fire as He beheld the sad condition of the Temple. His look gave evidence of the disapproval which welled up in His soul. We believe Jesus also foresaw a future day when the Temple would be rebuilt during troublesome times and be occupied eventually by the Antichrist who would set himself up as God and would demand worship. This is the "abomination which maketh desolate" referred to by Jesus in His great Olivet Discourse. He was unfolding the conditions which would obtain in the world immediately preceding His return to set up His kingdom among men, and to rule over them with a rod of iron. Who will escape the wrath of the Lamb in that coming day?

As our Lord looks in our direction, we are called upon to look unto Him. When the eye of faith meets the eye of love, a contact will be made which will affect us for all eternity. We have often said; "There is life for a look at the crucified One," and this is gloriously true. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).



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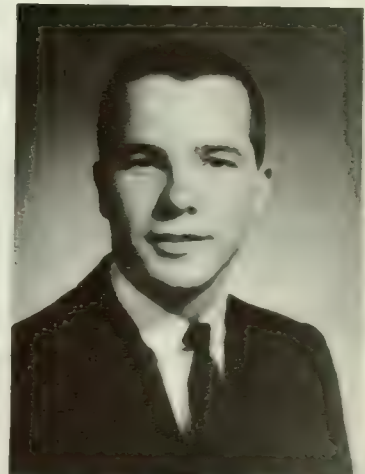
## Grace College Laymen's Scholarship Recipients



Julie Roth  
Junior, Winona, Minnesota



Nancy McMunn  
Senior, Kittanning, Pennsylvania



Ken Curtis  
Sophomore, Johnson City, Tennessee

Pictured on this month's Laymen's Page are the six recipients of the laymen's scholarship awards for the first semester of the 1963-1964 Grace College school year. We're certain that each one would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to each layman and laymen's group across our Fellowship of Churches for making this financial assistance possible. Pray that the Lord will lead each one of these young people, and that they will be submissive to His leading, as they prepare for service.

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### ONE THOUSAND MEN TO GIVE \$5 TO COMPLETE OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Approximately half of our \$10,000 Scholarship Fund has been raised. The interest received from this amount helps to care for the scholarships granted. The balance is taken from our general fund. After the fund is completed, the \$500 received in interest will automatically care for the scholarships granted. The interest is derived from placing the money with the Brethren Investment Foundation, and your money not only enables the granting of scholarships but also the financing of new Brethren churches across our nation. Won't you mail your gift **TODAY** for this worthy cause? Send your check to our treasurer, Ben Zimmerman, R.R. 1, Warsaw, Indiana.



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GRACE SEMINARY FACULTY  
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

# The President Speaks

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, President  
Grace Theological Seminary

## "Good Tidings of Great Joy"

Christmas is upon us once again. There comes with it the words: "Good tidings of great joy. My heart glows with all that this means to me, to my family, to my church, to my community, and to the world. The angel made it clear that the "good tidings of great joy" center in a person. "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2: 11). The original Greek merely says that this One is "Saviour, Christ, Lord." The order and meaning are significant.

As *Saviour* He confronted all the sin of the world with its resulting misery. Though there be a thousand needs in this world, there was one that was foundational and central. It was a heart sick unto death. Here was the remedy in the person of a Saviour.

As *Christ* He confronted all the chaos and disorder of humanity with its resulting discord and disharmony. Christ by curing the sickness of the heart, He could then move to the correction of disorder, and restore the harmony of things moving in their appointed paths.

As *Lord* He confronted all created intelligences of all time in their self-sufficiency and independence. When the sin-sick soul is restored to spiritual health, and harmony is created in society, every created being will then take his proper place in relation to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

These constitute the "good tidings" that dispense great joy among all those who believe the message.

## "This Then Is the Message"

It is the message that Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College have endorsed from the beginning, around which their ministries have been designed, and apart from which there is no substantial reason for existence. Written into the purpose clause of the original charter of these schools is the chief spiritual goal, "To Know Christ and Make Him Known as the Only Saviour and Lord of Life." Because the administrators and faculty members have deliberately chosen to operate these schools within the narrow context of this magnificent and all consuming purpose. These two schools have consciously thrown themselves upon the mercies of God and His loving care. These two schools have thus narrowed the area through which God might supply all their needs. It

can never be expected that the world will understand or appreciate the clear purpose and uncomplimentary message of the Gospel. And therefore it cannot be expected that the world will with any eagerness respond in any large way to the financial needs of these schools.

Without doubt attractive offers will be extended, and in some cases without any strings attached. But for the most part there will be hidden within these offers studied limitations or moral pressures to depart from the original spiritual guidelines and liberalize control and curriculum of the schools. This makes one conclusion imperative. The burden of support must rest upon The Brethren Church. Now is that period of the year when Brethren churches are remembering the offering for Christian Education, and this information should encourage God's people to think seriously and reach deep into their pockets.

## "For Such a Time as This"

Just as the "good tidings of great joy" center in a person, the Lord Jesus Christ, in the same way, this message is crystallized in and communicated by persons. This has ever been the way God has used to dispense joy across the world. As one reflects upon the ministry of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College, what would have been the history of The Brethren Church at home or on foreign soil if there had been no such schools? Are there not thousands into whose lives the essential joy of Christmas would never have entered without the ministry of those trained in these classrooms? Are there not upwards of a hundred churches that would not exist if it had not been for these two schools? Are there not hundreds of benighted souls on foreign shores who would never have had shine into their hearts the light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ? Are there not hundreds of Brethren whose ears would have ceased to hear and whose hearts would have ceased to pulsate with precious truth that Brethren have regarded as worth preserving and propagating?

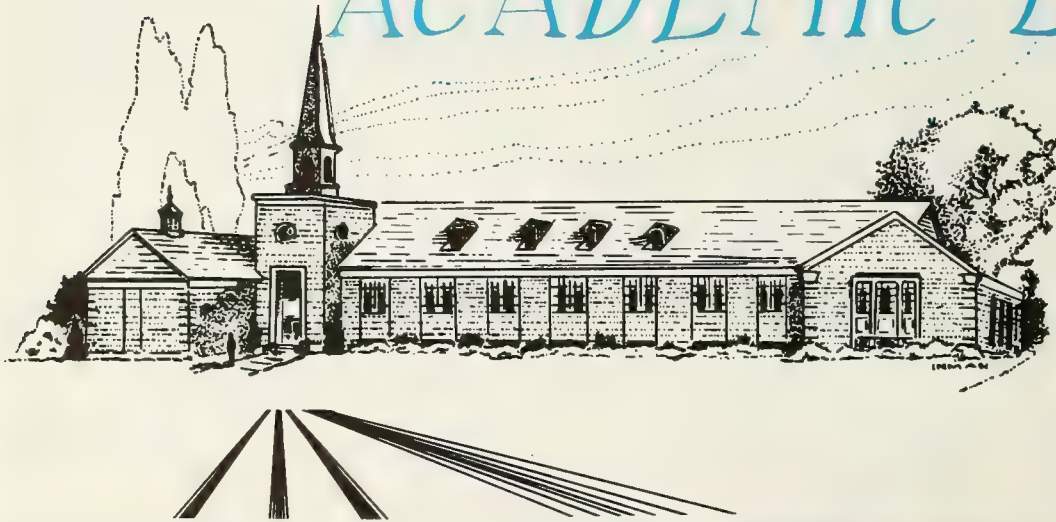
"For such a time as this" there is need for Brethren people to be aroused to the responsibility that rests upon them to support the schools that belong to them. If every Brethren member gave an average of five dollars toward the current operations of the school during the next few months, there would be more than enough to meet the obligations that now confront the school. Last year the amount given was slightly less than three dollars per member.

Do the "good tidings of great joy" stir you sufficiently to give for the propagation of this message in a trained leadership "for such a time as this?"

Our Christmas Offering for Christian Education  
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**God's Blessing Through 1964**

# Sidelights of the Christmas Story

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.  
Grace Theological Seminary

In spite of the increasing secularization of Christmas and the emphasis upon materialism, rather than theological significance, the Nativity Story in the Gospels remains surprisingly well known. Perhaps this is due not only to its prominence in Christian tradition, but also in part to the fact that these short accounts in Matthew and Luke are among the most charmingly-told narratives in all of literature.

## The Journey to Bethlehem

As Luke describes the trip of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem for the enrollment, he calls Mary the "espoused wife" of Joseph (Luke 2:5). Are we to understand that they were merely engaged at this time?

Betrothal in Jewish custom was more binding than present "engagement." It involved legal formalities, such as payment of dowry, and a statement of intention before witnesses. After the ceremonies, usually an interval of a year elapsed before the wedding occurred. However, this period of betrothal was so binding that divorce proceedings were required to break the agreement.

It was during the betrothal period that Joseph found Mary to be with child. He was planning a quiet divorce, until told the true situation by the angel. The angel instructed Joseph to marry her, and he did so at once, without waiting for the year to elapse (Matt. 1:18-25). When Jesus was born, therefore, Joseph was his legal father.

Inasmuch as they were husband and wife by the time of the journey to Bethlehem, why does Luke still refer to Mary as "espoused"? It

seems evident that he used this expression to indicate that even though they were officially married, the physical union of marriage had not been consummated, and thus our understanding of their relationship needed some restrictive qualification (cf. Matt. 1:25).

Why did Joseph take Mary on such an arduous journey in her physical condition? The answer seems to be that he had no choice in the matter. We now know from census records in Egypt that the usual procedure in the Roman Empire was to require every individual to return to the ancestral home for enrollment (W. M. Ramsay, *The Bearing of Recent Discovery*, pp. 259-265).

Joseph and Mary may have intended for the move to Bethlehem to be a permanent one. They were still at Bethlehem some months (or years?) after the birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:16). And after they had taken the Child to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod, their return to Palestine is told in language that implies some uncertainty as to where they would reside. Finally, they decided to avoid Judea (in which Bethlehem was located), and they settled in Nazareth once again (Matt. 2:22-23).

Thus God's prophetic word was minutely fulfilled, although the persons involved were not consciously trying to fulfill it.

## The Inn

Another common belief is that Jesus was born in some sort of stable because the local hotel was full (cf. Luke 2:7). Christmas pageants frequently provide an arrogant innkeeper who is later smitten with remorse.

Now it must be admitted that all of this is quite possible, although Scripture mentions no innkeeper.

However, a closer look at the Scripture suggests that this "inn" was not a hotel at all. The usual term for "inn" is used in Luke 10:34, where the Good Samaritan took the wounded man to an inn and entrusted him to the care of the innkeeper. But this is not the same word that appears in Luke 2:7. There the term is the simple one for "lodging place," and more likely refers to a public shelter house for the use of travelers. Even these meagerest of accommodations were unavailable to Joseph and Mary, and thus the birth was forced to occur in circumstances still more humble than this.

## The Shepherds

Have you ever wondered why the first persons to whom God announced the birth of Jesus were a group of shepherds? It was no coincidence that they were the first to hear, for God sent an angel and a heavenly host to bring the message specifically to them (Luke 2:8-20).

The Bible does not tell us what the reason was but several explanations come to mind. Perhaps these common folk still retained the messianic hope, and would not be offended at seeing their Messiah in a stable. We do possess some ancient records which state that temple flocks (i.e. animals raised for sacrifice at the Temple) were kept at Bethlehem. How significant if announcement of the birth of the Lamb of God, who would accomplish all that of which animal sacrifices were a picture, was made first to shepherds. It suggested that their work would someday be over.

It is to the proclamation of this redemptive work of Christ that Grace Seminary is committed. And the ministry of Grace College is to provide education within the framework of this Christian faith.

## Through 1964

# Support Christian Education More



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**PLATFORM:** Missionaries and workers present at missionary conference.

**CHOIR LOFT:** College young people.

**LEFT:** Bob Moeller of Johnstown, Pa., reads his Bible.

# Spiritual Emphasis at Grace

By Dr. Orville Jobson

GRACE SCHOOLS have been richly blessed of God through another annual missionary conference, held in McClain Hall, from November 18-22. The officers of the World Missionary Fellowship of Grace Schools began praying and planning for the conference months in advance. Speakers were prayerfully considered and it is now very evident that the Holy Spirit guided in the selection.

A team of five faithful servants of Christ ministered to the combined student bodies during twelve sessions. Three of these are active on the mission field; the Edmund Leeches from Hawaii, the George Johnsons from Brazil, and the Lewis Entzs with the Sudan Interior Mission in Liberia, all from Grace Schools. Two are in missionary administration; Rev. Ralph Odman, General Secretary of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, and Rev. Virgil Newbrander, Candidate Secretary of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. Mr. Newbrander is also an alumnus of Grace Theological Seminary.

These brethren told of stirring experiences on the mission fields of the world, and related various illustrations of the marvelous way in which God is visiting the gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

The theme of the conference, "I have Chosen You," was taken from the Lord's message to his apostles, recorded in the great discourse on fruit bearing in the Gospel of John, chapter 15. A special chorus, using these words written by Miss Lillian Thiessen an active WMF'er was sung several times at each meeting.

The two morning sessions constituted the chapel time of the seminary and the college. All students were required to be present. The

evening sessions were elective, however, President Hoyt, in introducing the first speaker, emphasized the importance of the conference and pointed out that missions are basic to the Christian witness. He expressed the wish that each student would arrange his schedule so he could be in attendance at the meetings. A large number of the students did this, as well as some of the faculty, and missionary-minded residents in the area. Active and retired missionaries, present in Winona Lake at the time, attended loyally and interceded faithfully for the conference. The evening meetings were introduced by the presentation of color slides of general missionary work in the Congo, Brazil, New Guinea, and of the radio ministry of ELWA in Liberia, West Africa.

The messages were designed to be challenging, informing, and helpful to the students. At one service Mr. Odman shared a word of personal testimony on how God called him into missionary service. Three steps characterized this experience. Each step was a specific command of the Lord Jesus. "Look on the Fields"—"Pray ye Therefore"—"Go ye into all the World."

Mr. Newbrander emphasized the need for exposure to the world's need, and exhorted that every Christian should be informed on world conditions. Investigation into special needs and open fields should be the concern of all. An awareness of these will lead to impressions that should eventually develop into definite convictions that God is calling to one of these areas.

In course of the conference two speakers gave opportunity for decisions, and many students responded. These were tokens that the message

was getting through to the young people. The Spirit of God was moving. However, the final day of the conference was the crowning day. There was a spirit of anticipation, both on the part of the students and the speakers. Many were praying that the Holy Spirit would deal with all of us to the glory of Christ. We were not disappointed. He empowered the messages and spoke to waiting hearts. Over fifty young men and women presented their lives to Christ for service. They made themselves available to meet the need wherever Christ may call. It was a most solemn and deeply serious moment as these young folks made their way to the front of the auditorium. Dr. Hoyt was called upon to offer the dedicatory prayer for the lives spread out upon the altar as a living sacrifice.

After further admonitions, Dave Hocking distributed to each one a copy of the helpful little pamphlet made available by Inter-Varsity, entitled, "Called of God and Sure of it."

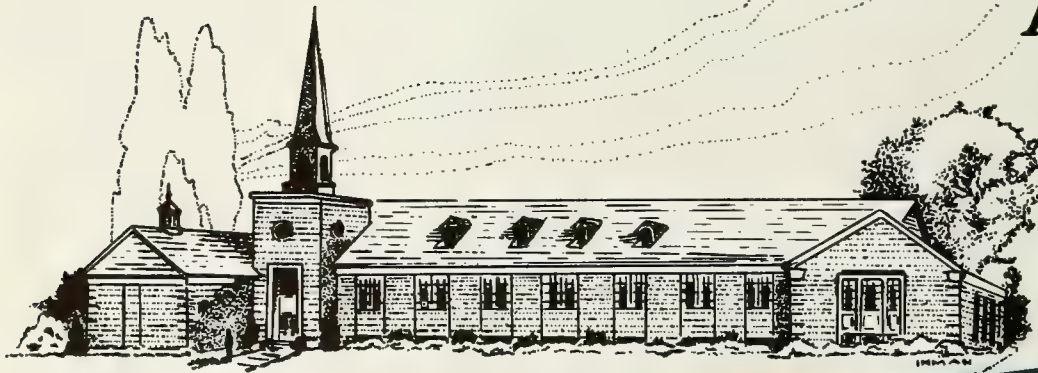
From these precious last moments, the students hurried away to classes, driven by the schedule of the day. But a large number had now taken their stand, they cannot be the same again. Those decisions must be reflected in the daily busy grind of academic and social life. Continuously and consistently they must present their bodies a living sacrifice and realize their availability now and in the days to come. Let us pray for these students, and for the large group that made decisions at previous conferences, that they may all find God's place for them in the needy world around us.

Praise God for His rich blessings to the Grace Schools through another annual missionary conference.

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# ATHLETICS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

By Richard G. Messner

Grace College has been raised up of the Lord to provide a Christian emphasis in all fields of learning and to encourage the application of Christian principles in all walks of life. We are training our students for useful and dedicated lives of Christian service.

It may seem strange to some, however, that such an important task can be approached through the medium of athletics. Some misconceptions arise, no doubt, because we are not quite sure just where and when Christian character is developed. Since the uniqueness of Christian education consists in its emphasis on spiritual development, there are many who find it somewhat difficult to see how athletics can contribute very much to that kind of growth. In fact, they usually insist that such training is the responsibility of the Bible class, chapel services, dormitory devotionals, and other religious activities. I would hasten to point out that Christian education is "complete education" including not only the opportunities provided in a secular institution, but also the added opportunities to develop spiritually. Some feel that total development takes place by sending the *mind* to the library, the *emotions* to a party, the *body* to the gymnasium, and the *spirit* to chapel. This is sheer nonsense because such dissection of the human personality is an impossibility.

Perhaps it would be wise to define just what we mean by athletics and Christian character. For the pur-

pose of this article, the term athletics refers to competitive games and sports that require physical skill, agility, strength, and stamina of the participants who compete in accordance with accepted rules of play and of scoring. Character would refer to a tendency to do right which is acquired by moral experience; that is, right choices in the face of moral tests. In what way then would athletics assist in the developing of right choices in the face of moral tests which would be in keeping with God's will and Word?

*First*, Athletics certainly develop *personal discipline*. A topflight athlete must learn to "deny himself." People just do not learn this by their own initiative. In our coaching we endeavor to impose a pattern of self-sacrifice on the boys. The idea is instilled that this is a team effort and each player must subjugate himself to a larger goal. An athlete must learn to abide by the rules and to play fairly—not from fear of penalty, but because the success of his team is in jeopardy if he does not. To achieve all of this involves just plain "hard work." Today it is fantastically easy to "just get by." In athletics you soon learn that this type of attitude will never work. You must discipline yourself to go "all out" in practice, as well as in the games.

The Apostle Paul must have had this very thing in mind when he said: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate [exercises self-control] in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (I Cor. 9: 25). It is absolutely essential to exercise self-discipline in order to grow and develop properly in the spiritual realm. Paul continues in I Corinthians 9:27 by saying that he actually bludgeons his body into subjection. The great principle of self-discipline is one of the keystones of a victorious Christian life, as well as that of a successful athlete.

*Second*, Athletics develop a *sense of achievement*. Each person earnestly desires recognition and prestige. He lacks self-confidence and needs some means of gaining it. Through success in athletics, a person's feelings of inferiority may be assuaged. Athletics provide situations where a

person is emotionally aroused and experiences deep-seated feelings; yet an acceptable performance is expected despite the intense emotional upheaval. Gradually a person should attain a mental poise and emotional stability that will serve him well in moments of stress which are so common in this modern age.

In the passage referred to previously, Paul is pointing out that just as an athlete is motivated by his desire for a trophy or crown, even so the Christian should be motivated by his desire for rewards and crowns in the hereafter. Our entire being needs to be conditioned toward achievement for Him. We need to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). The athlete learns that the sufferings of the game are not worthy to be compared with the joy of victory at the end. The words of the Heavenly Coach: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," should signal the end of this turbulent game of life for every Christian.

*Third*, Athletics develop a *real spirit of competition*. It is normal to be competitive in our society. Competition is our American way of life. With Christian ideals at the base of operations one can readily see the tremendous possibilities for the development of Christian character. Competition can be a means of teaching co-operation, responsibility, respect for property and person, and the suffering of mild hurts, mental or physical, in silence. The athlete learns to understand and endure delays in getting what he wants, and rejects being "babied." A slogan familiar to athletics is—*It's not the size of the dog in the fight—it's the size of the fight in the dog*.

Paul gives us the Biblical concept of competition in I Corinthians 9:24: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."

Here at Grace College we tell our young men that a competitive sports career is a short career and only a means to an end. It is not what they get out of it from a materialistic standpoint that is of greatest importance, but rather the type of persons they can become.



# CAMPUS IN PICTORIAL



1964 "Who's Who" in American colleges and universities. Front: Paulette Macon. Second row, left to right: Sharon Auxt, Rosalie Ash. Third row, left to right: Tim Farner, Larry DeArmey. Last row, left to right: "Chet" Kammerer and Terry White.



"Prof." Garlock "speaks the speech."



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